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SUCCESS -- BUT SKILL IN SHORT SUPPLY

To Moscow with Love — or, if not love, at least with plenty of lathering soap, soft toilet paper and other capitalist wares. That's the edict following Australia's triumph in the World Youth Cup.

The young Australians won 3-2 a drama-filled last game against Israel, finishing the tournament on maximum points.

The climax followed a mid-match circus concerning an Australian goal that never was (see page 3).

Australia's heroes were Alex Bundalo (Wollongong) who scored two goals against Israel, and Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic) who was



By
**ANDREW
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voted player of the series, ahead of other stars like Ivor Evans (Fiji), Alon Natan (Israel), Andrew Bernal (Australia), Lavy Kuzmitzky (Israel) and Darren McClellan (New Zealand).

Plenty of praise has been heaped on the Australian players and coach.

Yet this team still looks several notches below the previous editions, albeit that fighting spirit is evident as usual.

There is only a modest amount of skill in the team and little individual flair.

Take out the skilful and colorful Kalantzis, a budding Mario Kempes if I ever saw one, and the tough little stopper Bernal — and you have a solid, unspectacular bunch.

Not untalented — just unspectacular. The eternal hallmark of Australian teams.

Almost everyone agrees, without any hint of nostalgia, that the 1979, 1981 and 1983 teams were more talented, more exciting and creative.

I have been lamenting the absence of skill for long enough to become boring. But can the subject itself be boring?

This aspect remains the Achilles heel of Australian soccer. We can pro-

duce almost any type of team — tough, durable, brave, strong, tall, thin, determined and desperate — except a truly skilful one.

Pure soccer skill, the type that is natural for players like Crino, Giampaolo and a few others, is neither pursued nor covered by the vast majority of Australian boys.

It's simply not in their make-up to acquire 'tricks' which would stamp them as 'showoffs' in the eyes of their coaches — and other parents.

So the emphasis on skill-work is neglected and the boys, even the few naturally talented ones, begin to admire the same common virtues — strength, stamina, etc.

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**PEACE
OFFER
TO NSL**

By
CRAIG MacKENZIE

ASF Marketing is prepared to pay the NSL a percentage from future international tournaments in Australia, provided the NSL drops its claims for money allegedly owed it by ASF Marketing from last year.

Peter Sheehan, commercial director of ASF Marketing Ltd., hopes to gain ASF executive approval for a three-match Challenge Cup series in May between Tottenham Hotspur of England and Udinese of Italy, carrying total prize-money of \$125,000, with \$65,000 for the winner.

Australia also would play against the two tourists, but not for prizemoney. Sheehan proposes that the tournament would be run from May 22 to June 5.

ASF Marketing, in return for NSL co-operation in releasing players to the national team, plus administrative assistance, publicity and ticket selling, would pay the NSL \$50,000 no later than 14 days after the end of the series.

ASF Marketing also will pay the NSL 50 cents for each ticket sold and will offer NSL and State League clubs commission to sell tickets.

The NSL and ASF Marketing have been at loggerheads over the NSL's alleged loss of \$240,000 in sponsorship from West Nally last year. ASF Marketing is the Australian arm of West Nally.

In his Challenge Cup proposals, Sheehan calls for the ASF to provide ASF Marketing with "written confirmation that any claim by the NSL on ASF Marketing has ended and as such the future question of legal proceedings by the ASF on the matter has also ended."

The proposed dates and venues for the series are:

Wednesday, May 22: Australia v Udinese in Melbourne.
Saturday, May 25: Tottenham v Udinese in Sydney.
Wednesday, May 29: Tottenham v Udinese in Adelaide.
Wednesday, June 5: Australia v Tottenham in Sydney.
Saturday, June 1: Tottenham v Udinese in Melbourne.

Smith in debut, Soper too?

Preston Macedonia's \$12,000 man, striker Steve Smith, is set to make his debut when Macedonia clashes with South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday in the first round of the 1985 National Cup.

The prestigious Cup has a truly national flavor this year, with Cardiff Town, West Torrens Birkalla, Adelaide Croatia, Ipswich, Rockdale Ilinden, Juventus Pioneer, Morwell Falcons and West Woden Juventus joining the NSL big guns.

Macedonia and Hellas clash at Connor Reserve in the second game of a big double header. The first match features Footscray J.U.S.T. and Green Gully and kicks off at 2 pm.

Gully with Claude Lucchesi from Macedonia as a star recruit, goes into this one as a favorite, after its fine showing in the Buffalo Gold Cup while the Macedonia-Hellas affair should be a bruising and enthralling battle.

Smith, the 1984 Bill Fleming Medal winner and "Soccer Action's" Victorian State League Player of the Year, is one of four stars up front for Macedonia. The others are Warren Spink, Sean Lane and Gary Cole. The big question facing Macedonia coach Bill Murray is whether to use all four strikers or drop one to make room for Smith.

Oscar Crino could play his first game for Hellas this year. He's been sidelined due to injury and contract hassles, and his presence in the midfield, will have a major bearing on the outcome of this cup clash.

Another big double header in Melbourne is at Olympic Vill-



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ge, Sunshine-George Cross takes on Tasmanian side Juventus Pioneer and even though the 'Cross has plenty of problems, it should have the edge in class.

The second game at Olympic Village, between Heidelberg Alexander and Morwell Falcons should be a cracker, judging by Morwell's great display in reaching the semi-finals of the Buffalo Gold Cup, losing to Croatia after extra time. Don't discount Falcons here, for they've got great character and no mean ability in players like Harry Bingham, Steve Moore, Jim MacLellan, Ian Stirling and Russell Athersych.

Canberra clashes with 1984 NSW State League champion Rockdale Ilinden in the first of Sunday's double header at Seiffert Oval.

Former Canberra players Steve Hoszowski, Walter Valeri, Seb Giampaolo and Tony Brennan are expected to line up for Inter Monaro against West Woden Juventus in the second match.

Hindmarsh Stadium is the scene of Adelaide's big double header, featuring local sides Adelaide Juventus, West Adelaide Hellas, West Torrens Birkalla and Adelaide Croatia.

Serge Melia, Charlie Villani and Steve Maxwell should rule the roost in midfield, guiding Juventus to victory against Croatia while the first match, between Birkalla and Hellas, should see the NSL outfit emerge on top.

Cardiff Town and Newcastle Rosebud clash at Adamstown Oval at 7pm on Saturday. Ironically, Brett Fawkes, leading scorer in last year's northern NSW State League, probably will make his debut for Rosebud against his old side.

Don't be surprised if Marshall Soper leads the Sydney Croatia attack against Wollongong in the first round of the National Cup this weekend. Croatia and Wollongong clash at Wollongong showgrounds on Sunday.

Croatia and Soper's present club, Sydney Olympic, were involved in deep negotiations over the player's future earlier this week.

Olympic originally wanted \$35,000 for Soper and reduced that figure to \$30,000.

Croatia, which already had spent \$25,000 on former Olympic midfielder Jimmy Patikas, won't part with more than \$20,000.

Earlier, St George had offered \$20,000 for Soper, but where Croatia was more likely to succeed was in the size of the signing-on fee it offered the player himself.

Soper has been training regularly with Croatia and has agreed to one of the terms of his pending contract with Croatia: that he resides in Sydney.

Soper has lived in Newcastle, where he owns a country property, and till now has steadfastly refused to move to Sydney.

His insistence on commuting between Newcastle and Sydney had been a major problem for the player while he was with Olympic.

The only chance that Soper will stay with Olympic, now lies in the hope that club supporters will come to the club's rescue and donate the money needed to regain his signature.

Though St George's Frank Atok had failed in his bid to sign Soper, he will be pleased that the Soccerro striker has almost settled with a club.



By
**LES
MURRAY**

At one stage, some weeks ago, even Steve Gojevic may have switched Croatias and headed north to Sydney.

But though Gojevic wanted to go to Sydney, and Sydney Croatia coach Vedran Rozić wanted him, the move fell through and Gojevic stayed with Melbourne Croatia where he now has been sidelined with a broken foot.

Meanwhile, Rozić's player status in Australia remains unresolved.

Rozić, who long ago had been cleared by his former club Hajduk Split, still awaits a clearance from the city authorities in Split.

Solicitors in Yugoslavia are acting on Croatia's behalf to

secure the clearance from the city authorities, a formality beyond which the Yugoslav Football Association won't be able to stand in the player's way.

Melbourne Croatia's tie with Brunswick Juventus at Olympic Park on Sunday promises to be among the more fascinating of the first round.

The presence of former Croatia keeper Yanka Banovic should give it the psychological advantage over Croatia which may be under-prepared because of the late arrival of coach Dorn Kapetanovic from Yugoslavia.

Heidelberg v Morwell Falcons, both good performers in the Buffalo Gold Cup, should also catch the eye as should Preston Macedonia v. South Melbourne Hellas, if only to see how the reigning NSL champion shapes up in the new season.

In Sydney, Olympic's tie with Penrith at St George Stadium on Sunday also is promising. Olympic's high reputation being offset by its own loss of players and the good form of Penrith in the NSW Ampol Cup.

Boland goes in glory!

Dennis Boland of Footscray J.U.S.T. had the highest in average "Soccer Action's" best player voting for the Buffalo Gold Cup, just before he split with the club to become player-coach of Mordialloc.

The votes were for the group matches only. The Cup series climaxes when Heidelberg and Croatia clash in the final at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

Boland had an average 8.5 rating out of 10 over the four Cup games in which he played. Heidelberg's Jeff Over finished with an 8-average but played one more game than Boland.

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Visiting coaches talk about soccer in Israel, New Zealand, New Guinea

Not much money so not much hope for PNG

By **STEPHEN DETTRE**

Coach Hans Rademacher says the preparation of the Papua-New Guinea team was dramatically less than he would have liked and partially blames that for the team's heavy losses.

He was limited to a weekend tournament comprising the six provincial teams to select his basic squad of 25 and then had a two week camp with the players before they arrived in Australia.

"I had to hope that the players who stood out during the national titles would be the best available," he said.

"We also had problems once we picked the squad of 25 because four of them weren't able to afford the trip to the camp."

Rademacher, a West German who has lived in PNG for 23 years, said PNG was possibly the last truly amateur bastion of soccer in the Pacific or even the world.

"We have only one part-paid official in Port Moresby, and the rest are all honorary officials."

He said the PNG Association had to rely on its own money-making resources.

"The PNG government provided virtually no support for sport — maybe half of a percent of its budget goes to sport."

"As a result we've got to battle for everything."

Every tournament in PNG was an expensive affair, he said, because the only way to travel in the country was by air.

"And we have the most expensive air fares in the world."

"To give you some idea, we had eight players from Keita (in the north of the country) and it cost \$500 return to get each of them to Port Moresby," he said.

Rademacher said that things could change in the next few months, as a coach was being sent by the West German Government for a two year stint in PNG. "His job will be mainly to set up some sort of coaching structure in the country, which would be a dramatic boost to the game there."

Rademacher said the average Papuan player had good skills, "which they develop from just playing with the ball."

"They all love to play, but our (the coaches) big problem is to instill in them some idea of tactics."

Rademacher said the side has been badly caught out in its first two matches because "they ended up ball watching."

PNG lost 5-1 to Fiji in the opening game and then 6-0 to Israel.

"When they stuck to their tasks they looked okay and were doing well," he said.

"I was expecting a victory against Fiji. I was very disappointed with that result."

"Their concentration lapsed and that was all both the Fijians and then the Israelis needed."

"Inexperience is our big problem."

"We need to be able to take these players to tournaments around the Oceania zone, and let them get an idea of what tough competition is like."

"But, of course, that takes money and that's something we have precious little of."



• Joe Mirmovitch

If Israel qualifies for the 1986 World Cup ahead of Australia later this year, it won't be because of better tactics.

Not as far as its coach, Joe Mirmovitch, is concerned anyway.

Mirmovitch, who was in Sydney last week leading Israel's World Youth Championship qualifying charge, is no great fan of tactics.

"I never speak to my players about tactics," he said. "Players don't understand tactics and in any case they should not be asked to understand them."

"Players should play football."

"These days footballers are brainwashed by too much tactics and too much machinery, to the degree where they forget how to play football."

"And the amazing thing is that tactics do not necessarily bring success. The German teams are among the most tactical in the world. Yet in the European Cup, for instance, apart from Hamburg's victory two seasons ago, they haven't done much in recent years."

"They are unlike the English teams, which are the least tactical in Europe, particularly Liverpool, the least tactical of them all," said Mirmovitch.

"The lack of preoccupation with tactics will be welcomed by soccer's purists, although that won't stop Israel and Mirmovitch from putting up stubborn resistance on Australia's path to World Cup qualification."

Mirmovitch represented Israel at the age of 16 as a

Death stalks Israel's young troops

By **LES MURRAY**

centre forward and outside left and for many years played for Maccabi Tel Aviv, probably the country's top club.

After retirement, he first became national coach in the early '80s, winning the Asian Championships with Israel in 1984. He resumed those duties with the national team three years ago.

To be the coach of a country constantly ravaged by war, political upheavals and economic instability, must be a thankless task — as it must be for anyone wishing to choose soccer for a career in that country.

During the World Youth qualifiers one of their players was asked what future he sees for himself in Israeli soccer.

"After this tournament I go back and join the army," said the player who is just 17 years of age. "After that I might pursue my soccer career, but that depends on whether I'm still alive," he said with complete seriousness.

No less than seven of Israel's World Youth squad were borrowed from army studies to be brought to Australia and the demands of the forces continually put a crippling dent in the country's soccer ambitions.

Players are inducted at 18 and are released at 21, having spent, in soccer terms, three of their most important years away from the game.

Nonetheless Israel regularly mounts its World Cup campaign which, let's remember has never yet been impeded by Australia.

I first met Mirmovitch at Nottingham Forest's City Ground last November where he was spying on New Zealand who met the England B team.

Always generous in his comments on his coming protagonists, he described the Kiwis as "fast, powerful, endowed with good spirit and plenty of ambition."

But he spied on the Aussies, too, catching their games in Manchester, Nottingham, Glasgow and Udine, and was most impressed.

"Not many teams are capable of beating British teams in Britain. Australia should be more than happy with those results," said Mirmovitch.

"The Australians are far superior to the New Zealanders in skill and seem to have all their spirit and ambition. They will be very tough to beat."

A department in which the Australians have grown recently in stature is self-belief. But that is probably where Frank Arok meets his match in Joe Mirmovitch and the Israelis.

Israel's spirit of survival, so crucial in its very existence as a nation, you can be sure filters through to its national soccer team. And it certainly dominates the methods of Joe Mirmovitch who holds self-belief to be the singular most important component in a national team's make-up.

They will indeed be fascinating tussles in Tel Aviv on October 8 and in Sydney on October 20.

AROK TO ISRAEL

Australian national coach Frank Arok was planning to jet out of the country last Monday bound for Israel and a top priority reconnaissance mission of the Israeli National Team.

Arok was originally due to travel to Spain to watch the European World Cup elimination match between Spain and Scotland in Seville — either of whom could be potential opponents for the Socceroos on the road to Mexico in 1986.

But last week he learned from Israel's national coach Joe Mirmovitch that the Israelis would play a full international against the Republic of Ireland on February 27.

"That happens to be the same day as the Spain-Scotland match, which is unfortunate," Arok said.

"But it's much more important for me to see the Israelis in action, as they will be our first hurdle."

Arok said the ASF worked overtime to get the necessary visas and permits for him to visit Israel.

He was planning to leave at the same time as Mirmovitch.

He said the Israeli coach placed great importance on the youth team, and that was the reason he had decided to travel to Australia with them, despite the proximity of the Ireland game.

"He said I was most welcome to see the game," Arok said.

"I was completely surprised when he told me about the match, and of course I immediately informed the ASF that we had to switch our priorities from the Spain-Scotland game."

"I've never seen this Israeli side play and it's vitally important that I see them in action as many times as I can."

"You can only see so much on television."

Arok said there would be plenty of time to scout out both Spain and Scotland, as both had matches to come in their group.

"In fact, if Spain wins that match then I can probably concentrate all my attention on Scotland," Arok said.

STEPHEN DETTRE

By **STEPHEN DETTRE**

New Zealand youth coach Doug Moore wishes his country could boast as big a migrant population as Australia so it could produce players with British physical attributes and European and South American ball skills.

Moore says one of the big drawbacks to the development of soccer in NZ was the lack of skilled ballplayers, though there were several in the current youth team.

"But we lack the sort of crop you have in Australia," said Moore.

"We just don't have the sort of migrant population from the Continent and South America that has produced the talent you are now reaping."

He said one incident in Sydney last week at a training session highlighted the difference between the Australian and New Zealand scenes.

"We were having our training run and I noticed a team of youngsters at the other end of the field with their coach — just a local team."

"But I could hear the coach's voice in the distance and I knew he was of European origin."

"He was keeping his players moving all the time and each of them had a ball."

"I just watched him for a while and thought, 'When will we have that in New Zealand'."

He said one of the big troubles in youth soccer in NZ was that a great percentage of the coaches were fathers who had decided to lend a hand with the local side.

But, as Moore said, they had been brought up on a Rugby culture, and they just were not equipped to pass on the nuances of soccer.

But the NZ youth team lacks

Europeans, South Americans needed

nothing physically, providing quite a spectacular sight: a team of six foot tall, blonde, blue eyed Kiwis, clad in an all-white outfit and looking as imposing as any bunch of footballers can.

Lined up last week against the smaller youths from China, Taipei, they looked even more imposing.

Moore, himself a tall, lean blonde, laughed when I commented that his side looked more like a Scandinavian or German outfit.

"It's really a Kiwi trait, I suppose," he said.

"The national build is lean and tall. It's just a coincidence that we've got a few blondes in the side this time."

Talking with Moore, and listening to him relate the problems faced by New Zealand soccer, it was hard not to draw comparisons with the Australian scene of only a few years ago.

He talked at length about the lack of skilled ball players, of the battle with the other football codes to get the "choice" players and of a lack of money to finance tours and tournaments.

"Let's not make any bones about it. Rugby is king and will always be king," he said.

Moore said the current youth side was a classic example of the physical attributes of New Zealanders and also epitomised the way rugby had permeated the country's culture.

"Several of the players are double county reps — they've represented their country in both rugby and soccer."

"And there are a couple who've played international rugby."

Moore said soccer was, however, starting to win one major battle: it was starting to compete with rugby for the best athletes.

And he said that was an important victory.

"A few years ago it was a case of the best athletes at the age of eight and nine being shepherded into rugby, and those left over being given a round ball and told to 'Go play soccer or something'."

"Now, because of the increased prestige of soccer, we're able to attract better players and get what I call the 'natural talents' into the sport."

Moore said the success of the senior side in qualifying for the World Cup in Spain in 1982 still was being felt throughout the code.

"We've benefited more at a grass-roots level, because the kids could see there were rewards in senior soccer that are just not possible in rugby."

Moore said he was confident the current squad would produce four or five players who would progress to the senior team.

He said he had made a great many enemies in NZ by castigating associations and coaches who fielded young players in a 11-a-side matches on full fields.

"It's a totally useless thing, doing that to the kids," Moore said.

"We're gradually getting people to realise that the kids have to be encouraged to participate, to get to play with the ball, and if there's 22 of them charging around a huge field they soon get bored."

He said criticism of the current team's physical approach was unjustified.

"This side is strong and bases its game on solid defence, hard tackling and a no-nonsense, direct approach to goal."

"If you're sort of like Watford, if you want a comparison," he said.



• Aki Kotzamisalis (left) pursues Polonia's Claude Avian during training with youth team hopefuls in Melbourne.

Aki misses out

Aki Kotzamisalis played the role of a spectator throughout the World Youth Championship qualifying series.

Kotzamisalis injured a knee in the final pre-tournament training match in Canberra two weeks ago and it failed to fully respond to treatment.

The 1.95m (6ft 3ins) defender tasted the big time for the first occasion in the Meriton Hotel Singapore last October and impressed with his speed and effectiveness in the air.

He was selected for the opening match against New Zealand but failed a fitness test and was unable to regain his place in the team.

WE'RE OFF TO MEXICO

Coach Jim Shoulder was delighted about the invitation to his youth team to take part in the prestigious Havelanca tournament in Mexico in April after winning the Oceania qualifying series.

The Mexican Federation sent the invitation to the Australian Soccer Federation, which will approve the tour if Shoulder feels the extra preparation is required before his youths fly to Russia for the World Youth Cup finals.

"Any opportunity for the team to play overseas in an international youth tournament has to be taken," said Shoulder.

"An extra chance of competing against some of the best South American and European nations, apart from the World Youth Finals, is not to be knocked back."



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Success—but not a lot of skill

From page one

And yet, without considerably raising the skill factor in our game, from the earliest possible age, Australian soccer will never rise above the average — probably not even that high.

As long as the present rules remain, soccer will always be a game of skills, with the physical attributes merely making the expression of these skills possible.

All the stamina, power and speed in the world aren't worth twice on the own in soccer. In sprinting, weightlifting or marathon running — perhaps.

I do wish our coaches would keep this in mind every day and every hour when they handle very young players.

The lead-up to the final dramatic Sunday had a great deal of interest, too.

BY round three, midweek, the tournament was beginning to look like a soccer overdose — and some teams were showing signs of fatigue. But not New Zealand whose easy yet impressive 11-0 whitewash of Papua New Guinea was a sad indication of the overall standard of these likeable Oceania members.

PNG was pleasant, if a regular, loser. After their murder by the Enzedders, the PNG players walked off the field wearing huge grins and smiles as if they had expected something of that worse.

Then came the first big shock, Fiji, which three days earlier, had totally disgraced itself against Australia, now faced Israel in a different mood.

Far from repeating their mad, uncontrolled vitas dance which duly earned them a reprimand from their own association and press, the Fijians this time showed us their abundant skill — and discipline — and could consider themselves a trifle unlucky with the scoreless draw.

Australia, in the third match, had only some very ordinary opposition in Taiwan — yet the 3-0 win was anything but convincing.

The weather was gradually getting less and less pleasant. By round four last Friday, Sydney was experiencing early autumn with a cool drizzle.

Taiwan registered its first win, beating Fiji 2-1, with the Fijians again showing signs of their slumbering temper.

Israel then managed to stay in the race — but just: down 0-2 against New Zealand, it came back to win 4-2.

There is little doubt that the harsh sending off of Kiwi defender Mike Irving was the turning point of the match. In a brief 15-minute spell, Israel scored four goals and snatched victory from the Enzedders.

Finally, it was Australia's turn to run up a cricket score against Papua New Guinea. But, it seems, Australia can't run up cricket scores even in cricket and the best it could do was a modest 6-0.

Even for that it has to thank Chris Kalantzis, who contributed four of the goals.

Several of the young Aussies were disappointed. Most fans in the small crowd felt that

even an average team should have beaten PNG 16-0, not six.

New Zealand came to the series with a team which appeared to have been cloned in Munich beerhalls: almost all the boys were tall, strong, blond and blue-eyed.

If you didn't know this was 1985, you could have believed you were seeing a playmate of Hitler. Legend, maybe the 'Boys from Brazil'.

On top of that, the young Kiwis were incredibly tough and rugged, possibly the most physical of the six teams, in a largely sporting way.

And I use the word 'sporting' for a reason. Fiji's display against Australia was quite the most hair-raising seen in Sydney for decades.

The usually placid and good natured Fijians, as though high on doped gas, stormed into the match with minutes of indiscriminate kicking.

Several of their players deliberately and repeatedly hacked down Aussies behind play.

One of the Fijians, Evans, twice came within inches of smashing the ball in the face of the little Taiwanese referee.

Sadly, not once could we see any sign of caution from the Fijian bench; none of their officials seemed to try to calm down their players who were clearly out to cripple as many of the startled Aussies as they could.

Without a doubt the most polite and likeable team of the tournament was Taiwan.

It looked superbly outfitted in its training suits and playing strips.

After every game, even when it suffered heavy losses, its players dutifully ran to the section of the stand where their fans were and greeted them with a bow and a wave.

There was a sign, in Chinese, on their chests, under a crest.

A spokesman for the team denied it was advertising a Chinese takeaway restaurant.

It's a pity the ASF didn't deem it necessary to acknowledge the presence of some foreign reporters, and cater for their needs.

The unfortunate chaps from New Zealand, Israel and Taiwan were struggling to get by without a properly set-up pressroom with the traditional facilities — typewriters, telephones, international phones, etc.

In 1981, colleague Ted Simmons from AAP was appointed press officer for the World Youth Cup finals in Sydney. He did such a sterling job that the ASF later expressed its gratitude with some valuable mementos.

Simmons, one feels sure, would have again been the ideal man to organise the press affairs, the same way he did in 1981.

He would have prevented the sham 'vote count' after one long match day, to find the player of the night, and conducted by a strange, nervous man parading as a journalist.

The Greeks, I believe, have a word for it.



● Australia lines up for its clash with Israel. From left: Mike McLennan, David Sharpe, Peter Petkovski, Lou Hristodoulou, Robert Hooker, John Gregson, John Panagis, Chris Kalantzis, Paul Jones, Andrew Bernal (No. 4, far right) Picture by ALEX VESIC.

Young 'Roos should have wned up!

Australia 3 Israel 2

The Australian players would have cut short the farce that interrupted their match against Israel simply by telling referee Ming-Chen Chen that Chris Kalantzis had not scored a goal, but hit the side netting.

Was it honorable that the Australians were prepared to accept a goal that had not been scored?

Has sportsmanship fallen victim to blind ambition? These are the questions prompted by the fracas which lasted eight minutes before Chen finally changed his mind and decided it hadn't been a goal after all.

During that time, some of the Israeli players had to be restrained by team mates as they screamed their protests at Cheng and Fijian linesman M. Singh.

Kalantzis cannot be blamed alone, although he admitted after the game that he knew immediately that the ball had not gone in.

"While I was still down on the ground after my header, the other guys said: 'Quick, run to the middle. He's giving a goal.' So I went with the others to the middle. If he wanted to give us a goal, I wasn't going to argue."

Throughout the ruckus, the Australians were grinning like Cheshire cats. It wouldn't have been such fun, though, had the Israelis' rage been translated into violence.

Chen reaffirmed his decision that a goal had been scored even after the wild protests had prompted him to consult linesman Singh.

It is not clear what finally changed his mind, but Israeli coach Yosef Mirmovich figured that Chen and Singh had a communication problem, as neither can speak the other's language.

It was 1-1 at the time of the incident, and a draw was enough to put the Australians into the finals.

Alex Bundalo went on to score twice to give Australia a 3-1 victory in what will go down in Australian sports history as probably the most eventful match yet staged here.

Australia plays with two strikers — Kalantzis and Lou Hristodoulou — and two flankers, in this case Alex Bundalo and John Panagis. Israel had played 4-3-3 in previous matches, but now adopted a much more defensive approach, with five men at the back, and only two up front.

Nir Klinger, who had played in midfield in earlier matches, marked Hristodoulou, and Haim Levy marked Kalantzis, with captain Lior Rosenthal as sweeper. Right back Moshe Mostrel was on Panagis and David Herslikovitch on Bundalo.

With only Moshe Izenberg and Yaron Cohen up front, Israel effectively allowed Australia to take the initiative.

Peter Petkovski and John Gregson returned to the Australian team at the expense of Alex Tobin and Sian Ingham, while David Sharpe, who had come in for the previous match, retained his place in centre midfield. With Ingham out, Bundalo moved from centre midfield to the right flank and excelled.

Melbourne's two representatives, John Kanessoulis and Robert Markovac, again were on the bench.

There was to be one change at half time, with Tobin coming in to replace Gregson who had pulled a hamstring.

It quickly was evident that Israel regarded Kalantzis as the danger man. Everywhere he went, Levy did too.



Laurie Schwab

Australia had a sustained period of pressure from about the 10th to 13th minutes, during which Israel was unable to get forward. There was, however, one particularly dashing piece of play by Klinger, who dispossessed Kalantzis, stormed down the left touchline, cut inside, dodged a tackle and played a pass which, unfortunately, was intercepted.

Cohen, three-goal hero of Israel's first game against Taiwan, broke past his marker, Gregson, in the 15th minute, but Australian sweeper Andrew Bernal, solid as a rock throughout the match, cut him off smartly.

Another star was Israeli goalkeeper Lavy Kuznitzky, who is destined for a brilliant international career. The first time he was called upon, he reacted confidently by running outside the penalty area to head clear in front of Panagis.

And when Bundalo broke away on a through ball from Robert Hooker and then squared into the middle for Kalantzis, Kuznitzky was there again to snuff out the danger.

His best save however, came in the 18th minute when he repelled a towering header from Kalantzis. The ball fell for Gregson whose sliding shot hit the bottom of the post!

The Australians were playing with irrepressible enthusiasm and energy, and in the 24th minute Israel was scampering every which way to smother a succession of shots inside the area. Finally Bundalo picked it up as it was repelled out of the area, and blasted a powerful drive centimetres over the bar.

At the other end, Australian goalkeeper Paul Jones came out of his penalty area to stop the ball away in front of Cohen. The referee awarded a free kick for handling and Alon Natan, Israel's star midfielder, bounced his shot into the net off the far post. Israel led 1-0, yet Australia had had most of the play.

The lead lasted only three minutes, though. Mike McLennan, the left back who played for Nunawading City before joining the Sports Institute, sent a free kick into the middle from the left. Kuznitzky was unable to grab it in the air, and Kalantzis pounced with a header.

Referee Chen made a strange decision soon after when he gave an indirect free kick to Israel, over Hooker's challenge on Natan inside the penalty area. Hooker was pressing Natan, who had his back to the Australian, but had done nothing wrong. Certainly he wasn't obstructing Natan — which would have justified an indirect free kick. If Chen thought Hooker had committed an offence of a different kind, then it should have been a penalty. That, of course, would have been ridiculous, so one can't help feeling that Chen didn't really know why he had whistled, but having done so, wanted to avoid compounding the mistake.

Jones provided a moment of comic relief when he raced to the corner of his area in pursuit of a high ball, and was left scanning the sky, not knowing where the ball was, as it bounced off Cohen's back.

Israel had gained the upper hand by the 58th minute, showing more poise, holding its ground well and making good use of the ball — especially Natan and Izenberg.

But Kalantzis remained a big threat. In the 38th minute,

Hristodoulou headed the ball down, and Kalantzis came storming in, at the same time as Kuznitzky. They collided, and Kuznitzky required treatment.

Israel launched two dangerous raids just before half time. First Cohen got the better of Hooker but his shot was held by Jones, then Izenberg, on a square ball from Mostrel, sold a dummy and released the ball for Natan who came storming through from behind. Jones mustered all his courage and pounced on the ball in front of Natan.

Tobin was marking Cohen in Gregson's absence after half time, and the blow-for-blow contest continued. Bundalo broke away and his pass left Kalantzis facing Herslikovitch whose tackle resulted in a free kick to Australia. It was repelled by the defence, but came out to Panagis whose shot brought a brilliant save from Kuznitzky.

Hooker and McLennan who was named man of the match later, were excelling in defence for Australia as Israel became more menacing but then came that farce over the goal that wasn't. Hristodoulou provided the cross which Kalantzis headed into the side netting.

Chants of "AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA" spurred on the home team when play finally resumed, and they must have

inspired Tobin who showed faultless timing in tackling Cohen who looked certain to shoot Israel into the lead.

But thoughtfulness went out of the game, it was all physical effort, hand-to-hand combat, and hoping for the best. The pressure was simply too great to expect subtlety at this stage.

Cohen steered every sinew as he charged goalwards in the 75th minute, outpacing McLennan and Bernal, but his shot hit the post!

Four minutes later, Kalantzis dug into his reserves of personal brilliance and fighting power to start the move that put Australia ahead 2-1. Kalantzis burst past tackles by Mostrel, Levy and finally Klinger before crossing into the middle where Bundalo latched onto the loose ball and blasted it into the empty net, after Kuznitzky had come out.

Israel, however, equalised only a minute later, with a devastating drive from 20 metres, just under the crossbar.

With 10 minutes to go, Israel needed a goal to go to the finals; Australia had to hold on. Israel came close with a header by Rosenthal that went across goal.

Then Australia struck again, just before the match ended. Petkovski won the ball in a tackle and slipped it to Bundalo who cut inside a defender and placed it past Kuznitzky.

FOR HOLLAND

● Eight members of the Australian youth team will play in Europe's biggest youth tournament in Groningen, Holland, in May.

They are members of the Australian Institute of Sport squad which will compete in the tournament against Celtic, Queens Park Rangers, Ajax Amsterdam, Feyenoord and the Dutch, East German and Czechoslovakian national youth teams.

Participation at Groningen will help prepare the players for the World Youth Championship finals in the USSR in August.

The A.I.S. players in the national youth squad are goalkeeper Paul Jones; full backs Robert Hooker and Mike McLennan; midfielders David Sharpe and Richard Basingthwaite; winger Sian Ingham; striker Lou Hristodoulou and sweeper Andrew Bernal.

Before going to Holland, they will travel to Mexico with the full national youth team to compete in the Joao Havelange tournament in April (see page 2).

LAURIE SCHWAB Revenge is sweet

● Revenge was a long time coming, but it was as sweet as can be to those who had been at the Australia v. Israel World Cup qualifying match in Sydney in 1983.

The Israelis had beaten Australia 1-0 in Tel Aviv and needed only to draw the return match to advance to the finals in Mexico.

Draw it they did. The score was 1-1, and for want to a single goal, the Socceros stayed home while the Israelis went on to compete against the likes of Peru, River Plate, Boca, Beckenbauer, Mueller, Moore and Jairzinho.

Sixteen years later, the Australian youth team has given Israel a taste of how it feels to be so close, yet so far away.

When the final whistle brought down the curtain on Australia's 3-2 victory at St. George Stadium on Sunday, Israeli captain Lior Rosenthal slumped to the ground and cried.

Within seconds most of the others were on their backs laughing.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Thank God for Kalantzis!

Australia 6
Papua NG 0

Chris Kalantzis, the youngster who recently was called up into the senior national side, was in devastating form as he hit four goals to go to the top of the goal-scoring chart and demolish Papua almost single handedly.

He was also instrumental in the goal scored by Lou Hristodoulou. As he so often does, Kalantzis managed to put in a cross which was turned home by Hristodoulou. John Kanesoulis was the other scorer with a blistering left footer from 14 metres, close to the end of the match.

And while Kalantzis led the Papuans a merry dance to score four, most of the others failed to live up to previous form.

Hristodoulou was most unlucky, hitting the woodwork twice, but his form was sound. He always looked for the ball and combined well with Kalantzis.

However, the same could not be said for Sean Ingham, the youngster with lots of speed but very little else. I find this youngster just below the standard required to compete in the NSW State League yet he commands a place in the national youth team! He has been Australia's poorest performer, yet he keeps finding a place in the starting line-up.

The crowd at St George Stadium found little reason for Ingham to stay on and was very vocal about its view.

But I think that the wrong man was booted in this instance. Ingham, with his confidence very low, continued to make mistakes. He realised fully that the crowd was far from pleased with his performance. And for coach Jim Shoulder to keep him on the park in these circumstances was strange indeed.

Alex Tobin, Mirkko Runje and David

Sharpe were in the starting line-up in place of Jones, Gregson and Petkovski suffice to say that Petkovski was sadly missed and that Tobin, apart from his height, offered little else, while Runje had hardly anything to do.

Alex Bundalo played well and was surprised at the decision to take him off with 10 minutes to go. We could have done with a few more goals and he was the creator in the middle of the park. John Kanesoulis, Bundalo's replacement, scored a fine goal to make amends for his misses in the previous match against Taiwan.

Another man who was replaced was John Panagis (at half time). His replacement, Richard Bassingthwaite, was hardly seen during the second period. He kept trying to hit the scoreboard from 20 metres out — with very little success.

In all, this was very disappointing game for Australia with only a few players to come out of this match holding their heads high despite the 6-0 scoreline.

— ALEX VESIC

Bernal the new Ratcliffe

Australia 3 — Taiwan 0

Andrew Bernal, the tall Australian defender, much like David Ratcliffe of St George, added a new dimension to this Australian side which won comfortably against an inept Taiwan.

Bernal scored the second goal of the match after a goalmouth scramble and was close to scoring on at least two other occasions. He also was the most effective defender in the Australian team, not only during this match but for the first three matches in this tournament.

Taiwanese players came at Australia early and it was then that Bernal showed his outstanding defensive qualities to keep out eager opponents. And Peter Petkovski and Alex Bundalo added to the problems of Taiwan with strong games in midfield. In fact, these two players made all the difference as Australia took control of the match.

Bundalo found Petkovski running through in the 11th minute. Petkovski in turn laid his pass on for Chris Kalantzis but the shot didn't match the move and the Taiwan keeper managed to collect. Petkovski found Sean Ingham racing for goal in the 18th minute but the keeper came out to block the shot when all seemed lost, then only a minute later came Bundalo's defence-splitting pass which found Kalantzis. It looked a goal all the way, but with his shooting angle too tight, Kalantzis shot straight at the keeper.

After 28 minutes Australia took the lead. It was inevitable that the move would start with Bundalo. His through ball for Lou Hristodoulou found its mark, but the keeper managed to parry the shot only to see it fall for John Panagis whose low shot made it 1-0.

Hristodoulou missed an opening in the 33rd minute after receiving a pass from McLennan, then Australia scored again, but the referee saw an American player push the keeper in the process giving Taiwan a free kick.

In the closing stages of the first half, Kalantzis was in full flight tearing Taiwan's defence to shreds, but having little luck in front of goal. He saw one shot rebound off the post, then another from point blank range went straight to the keeper.

Australia attacked from the restart and almost scored through Hristodoulou. His header from a cross by Ingham was centimetres over the bar. However, Australia soon went two goals up.

Alex Bundalo's through ball found Ingham but his delicate chip was pushed over the bar. From the corner kick, Petkovski backed headed to the far post for Bernal to tip it over the line.

In the 60th minute it was time for the "Greek connection" to seal it. Kalantzis, the tormentor of Taiwan weaved his way through to the edge of the penalty area, drew a defender, before pushing his pass to an unmarked Hristodoulou. Taiwan's goalie came out but Hristodoulou found the corner of the net with a well placed shot.

Robert Markovac came on for Ingham, then Kanesoulis for Petkovski, but both replacements had very poor 20 minutes on the Park, with Markovac looking sluggish. He was caught offside on numerous occasions, while Kanesoulis failed to come to terms with the ball. He made two attempts at goal when he would have been better off finding unmarked players. Hristodoulou stood screaming for the ball close to the end with Kanesoulis in possession but the temptation of a goal was too much and Kanesoulis took a shot, missing badly.

Markovac was caught offside six times in the space of 18 minutes. It would have to be some sort of a record. He also had a sitter in the 67th minute but blew it!

On the bright side, Australia won and yet again showed some superb moves which always threatened Taiwan's goal.

— ALEX VESIC



• A heavy clash between Peter Petkovski (No.9) and a Filipino player (right), with Lou Hristodoulou in the middle.

ISRAEL LUCKY

Israel 0
Fiji 0

Israel stumbled to a 0-0 draw against Fiji and its worst offender was none other than star striker Yaron Cohen, who could not handle the hard tackling Fijians.

He was sadly out of touch and without him Israel was doomed.

Cohen was in the clear and facing only Johnny Andrews, in goal for Fiji in the 12th, then in the 40th minute but missed badly.

Alan Hazan also missed an opportunity during the first half and the enthusiastic Fijian team, well supported by the Australian crowd, went in at half time still 0-0.

Levi Hiam missed in the 53rd minute, then came an onslaught by the Israelis that looked like producing a goal, but Fiji's Andrews had other ideas. He made two brilliant saves midway during the second period to keep his side in the hunt.

As the game progressed, Israel became more frustrated and came forward in search of a goal, but in getting more players forward it left itself open at the back and very vulnerable. But Fiji failed to capitalise on its own openings even when it had five of its players against two Israelis.

In the 80th minute, with Lavi Kuznitsky out of goal and stranded, Fiji could not put the ball past just three Israelis inside the penalty area.

Ivor Evans, the Fijian who scored goals against Papua and Australia was in the thick of things but with players all around him to finish off a move Evans decided to hang on to the ball, and a golden op-

Final standings in the Oceania qualifying group for the World Youth Championships

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia.....	5	0	0	20	4	10
Israel.....	3	1	1	15	5	7
New Zealand.....	3	0	2	21	9	6
Taiwan.....	2	0	3	7	12	4
Fiji.....	1	1	3	9	12	3
Papua-New Guinea	0	0	5	2	31	0

TOP SCORERS: 8. Kalantzis (Aust.); 5. Cave (NZ), Cohen (Is.); 4. Natan (Is.), Barton (NZ), McLennan (NZ), 3. Lai Kuan-Chou (Tai), Panagis (Aust.), Cossey (NZ), Izenberg (Is.)

ROUND 3

AUSTRALIA 3 (Panagis 28th, Bernal 52nd, Hristodoulou 60th) TAIWAN, Referee: Sharpe (NZ) 8.

AUSTRALIA: Jones 8, Hooker 9, Bernal 9, McLennan 7, Gregson 7, Bundalo 8, Petkovski 8 (Kanesoulis 70), Panagis 7, Ingham 6 (Markovac 64th — 5), Hristodoulou 7, Kalantzis 8.

TAIWAN: Chen Yen-Chun 6, Pan Kuo-Liang 5, Cheng Yao-Chuan 7, Chang Chun-Kuei 6, Chen Yen-Chun 7, Yang Fu-Hsiang 6, Mu Chin-Chung 6, Lee-Wen-Tsai 6, Yang Mao-Hsiang 6, Chien Yi-Hsiu 5 (65th Yang Ching-Tong 6), Lai Kuan-Chou 7.

ISRAEL 0 — FIJI 0. Referee Don Campbell (Australia) 9.

ISRAEL: Kuznitsky 8, Mostrel 7, Levi 7 (64th Izenberg 6), Rosenzweig 8, Hiam 7, Guetta 5, Goral 5, Gordon 6, Hazan 6 (58th Gardena 5), Cohen 5, Klinger 5.

FIJI: Andrews 9, Vueti 7, Semisi Tokilagi 8, Anwar Shah 8, Khan 7, Madigi 6 (Delana 64 — 7), Ratukalou 7, Maratino 7, Deama 5, Evans 6, James 5 (Peter 75).

NEW ZEALAND 11 (Barton 1st, 55th, 84th, Cave 9th, 11th, 81st, McLennan 19th, 41st, Papi 0.9.46th, Cossey 42th, Oltshoorn 76th) — PAPUA NEW GUINEA 0. Referee: Mahendra Singh (Fiji) 8.

NEW ZEALAND: White 7, Chan 7, Irving 7, Evans 7, Oltshoorn 8, Fullen 7, Jacobs 7 (O'Donoghue 51 — 7), McLennan 8, Barton 9, Cave 9, Cossey 8.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Keosong 5, Misero 5, Pepi 5, Papi 5, Moi 5, Tore 5 (Tom 57 — 5), Taumuk 5, Sindol 5, Nase 5, Mune 5, Baual 5.

ROUND FOUR

AUSTRALIA 6 Kalantzis 5th, 26th, 38th, 70th, Hristodoulou 21st, Kanesoulis 78th) PAPUA NEW GUINEA 0. Referee: Sharpe (NZ) 8.

AUSTRALIA: Runje 7, Hooker 6, Bernal 8, Tobin 6, McLennan 6, Bundalo 7, Kanesoulis 80th, Sharpe 6, Panagis 7 (Bassingthwaite 46th — 5), Ingham 5, Hristodoulou 8, Kalantzis 10.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Keosong 7, Misero 5, Pepi 7, Papi 7, Moi 7, Sindol 6, Banono 6 (Kabanin 75), Laviong 5, Tom 5 (Nasa 53 — 5), Mune 6, Baual 6.

ISRAEL 4 (Izenberg 59th, 64th, 72nd, Natan 74th) NEW ZEALAND 2 (Irving 12th, Probert 30th). Referee: Ian Moule (PNG) 6.

ISRAEL: Kuznitsky 7, Mostrel 9, Rosenzweig 8, Hiam 7, Herslikovitch 7, Guetta 7, Izenberg 10, Natan 8, Hazan 7 (Gardena 38th — 7), Cohen 6, Klinger 6 (58th Gordon 7).

NEW ZEALAND: White 7, Chan 7, Green 6, Oltshoorn 7, Irving 5 (sent off 53rd), Jacobs 6, Probert 6, Edwards 5, Fullen 5, McLennan 5, Barton 7 (Clapperton 68th).

TAIWAN 2 (Yeh Ching-Tung 40th, Lai Kuan-Chou 60th) FIJI 1 (Ruvama 72nd). Referee: Tilinger 8.

TAIWAN: Hsu Wen-Fong 8, Cheng Yao-Chuan 7, Chang Chun-Kuei 8, Pan Kuo-Liang 8, Lee Wen-Tsai 7, Lin Ching-Lung 7, Mu Chin-Chung 7, Chen Tao-Lung 7 (Tseng Tzu-Hung 70th), Yeh Ching-Tung 7, Chien Yi-Hsiu 6 (Huang Tai-Sheng 85th), Lai Kuan-Chou 9.

FIJI: Andrews 7, Vueti 7, Tokilagi 7, Shah 7, Khan 7, Peter 6 (Ruvama 65th — 7), Ratukalou 7, Maratino 6, Delana 5, Evans 5 (sent off 90th), James 6.

ROUND FIVE

TAIWAN 3 (Ching-Tung 48th, 60th, Yi-Hsien 81st) PAPUA NEW GUINEA 1 (Sindol 5th). Referee: Tilinger (Israel) 6.

TAIWAN: Huang Kuo-Feng 7, Huang Tai Sheng 7, Chen Tao-Lung 74th, Yang Fu-Hsiang 7, Chang Chun-Kuei 8, Lee Wen-Tsai 7, Tseng Tzu-Hung 6, Lin Ching-Lung 7, Pan Kuo-Liang 6, Yang Mau-Hsiung 6 Chien Yi-Hsiu 60th, Yeh Ching-Tung 8, Mu Chin-Chung 7, PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Keosong 7, Misero 7, Pepi 7, Papi 7, Sindol 7, Banono 6 Tom 5 (Nava), Kabanin 6, Mune 6, Paual 6 (Laviong).

NEW ZEALAND 3 (McLennan 37th, Cossey 43rd & pen. & 85th), FIJI 2 (Delana pen. 9th, Khan pen. 67th). Referee: Don Campbell

NEW ZEALAND: White 6, Oltshoorn 8, Clapperton 5, Fullen 7, Green 6, Barton 6, Probert 6, Jacobs 7, McLennan 7, Cave 6, Cossey 7, Coach: Doug Moore.

FIJI: Andrews 5 — Shas Anwar 7, Vueti Semi 6, Tokilagi Semisi 5 (Peters Simon 68th), Rokoquica Epi 6, Aiyub Khan 7, Aquila Rova 7, Ruvama Madigi 7, Isekeli Delana 7, James Hoyt 8, Coach: Billy Singh.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Kalantzis 30th, Bundalo 79th & 89th) ISRAEL 2 (Natan 27th, Klinger 80th). Referee: Ming-Chen Chen 3.

AUSTRALIA: Jones 8 — Hooker 8, Bernal 8, Gregson 7 (inj. sub Tobin 7, half time), McLennan 8, Bundalo 9, Petkovski 8, Sharpe 6, Panagis 6, Hristodoulou 7, Kalantzis 9, Coach: Jim Shoulder.

ISRAEL: Kuznitsky 8, Rosenzweig 8, Mostrel 6, Klinger 9, Levy 7, Herslikovitch 6, Gardena 7 (Gordon 70th), Guetta 6 (Hazan 65th), Natan 8, Izenberg 7, Cohen 7, Coach: Yosef Mirmovitch.

Irving off, Izenberg strikes

Israel 4
New Zealand 2

Michael Irving, New Zealand's hero during the first period, turned villain as he sent Yaron Cohen sprawling in the 53rd minute. Booked for an earlier tackle on Hazan, Irving was sent off with New Zealand holding a commanding 2-0 lead.

The depleted New Zealand could not cope with the pressure and crumbled to a hat-trick from Moshe Izenberg and a goal by Alan Natan to lose 2-4.

So many things were difficult to explain in this match.

First there was a goal by New Zealand that should never have been allowed, but Mr Ian Moule seemed satisfied that all was "OK" as Irving and Barton jumped on the keeper to push him out of the way and the ball came off Irving's shoulder and into the net.

The referee was only metres away but he failed to see the simplest of offences. Irving and Barton looked around at the referee EX-PECTING to be penalised, then turned away jubilantly as he pointed to the centre.

Phil Barton could have made it 2-0 in the 18th but he found the side netting with only the keeper to beat. However Israel was not so lucky in the 30th, when Paul Probert picked up a poor clearance to smash a 25-metre shot wide of Kuznitsky.

Hazan needed attention in the 38th as Michael Irving came in late to earn a yellow

The New Zealand camp should have acted there and then. Irving, booked against Papua New Guinea, had now made it two yellow cards in two matches. An automatic suspension against Fiji in the last match looked a distinct possibility, so it was a good time to put in a fresh player and also safeguard NZ's 11-man status on the park.

Alas, NZ didn't replace him and as far as I was concerned it was only a matter of time, and so it was, with Irving sent off in the 53rd minute.

Moshe Izenberg, the Israeli player who had not commanded a place in the starting line-up in the previous matches, came in to score three goals.

He missed one in the 41st after some good work by Cohen but his hat-trick in the second half was one of the best seen at St George Stadium.

Israel made it 1-2 after a brilliant move which started with the keeper and went along the left flank, then across to the right before being switched into the middle for Izenberg to find the net in the 59th.

Only five minutes later Izenberg was in the thick of things again finding the net from a goalmouth scramble and sending his bench wild with delight.

There was no stopping the light blues now. Yaron Cohen missed badly in the 66th, then Natan hit a great volley just wide. The New Zealanders stood bewildered as Israel pounced on every ball to create openings.

In the 72nd Moshe Mostrel crossed and Izenberg came in with a brilliant header to score the winner. Only two minutes later Natan's header from yet another Mostrel cross found the net and that was the ball game.

NINE OF 11 WERE GIFTS!

N. Zealand 11
Papua NG 0

With Israel having some problems in the shooting department there was still a slender chance that the Kiwis would get to Moscow by winning this encounter against Papua by the biggest possible scoreline.

Phil Barton was a shade faster than Yagi Keasong to score in the opening minute and deflate what little enthusiasm might have been left in the New Guinean side.

After 19 minutes it was 4-0 and one would assume by the attitude of the New Zealanders that the scoreline would be close to 20-0. However, the losers were not as bad as that.

Kiwi coach Doug Moore was pleased with his team's play but despite the score, I wouldn't have been, for nine of the goals were caused by mistakes by the opposition.

The Kiwis never really produced the stuff we wanted to see when the benevolent Papua New Guinea who showed enough naivety to last you a decade.

For those who are interested in statistics, Neal Cave scored in the ninth to make it 2-0 after a cross from the left, had eluded the keeper (straight through his arms). From another cross from the left by Crossley, Neal Cave scored again after some horrible indecision by the New Guinean defence.

Darren McLennan made it 4-0 in the 19th, then there was a "flickback" by Papua into the tall, hard working McLennan scored his second to make it 5-0 at half time.

Koala Papi, Papua's hardest working defender, in attempting to pass back to his keeper, managed only to lob the custodian and score an own goal, giving New Zealand No. 6.

Then came a dubious decision by the referee. Yagi Keasong went high for the ball and with one of the New Zealanders in pursuit, he could not avoid brushing against the Kiwi as he went down.

Mahendra Singh pointed to the spot. The crowd was not pleased at all and the same could be said of the Papua players but there were no complaints, no big fuss. Keasong settled back to watch Mark Cossey score his only goal of the match and Kiwi's seventh.

Phil Barton got his second in the 55th from the edge of the area, then we saw the ultimate benevolence from the Papuans. It was in the 66th.

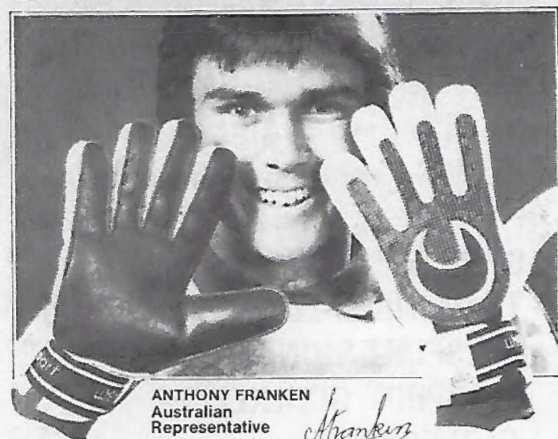
Taukum John Watson (no relation to our wee Joe) was only three metres from the Kiwi line and on his lonesome, but still managed to sky his shot over the bar! This was not the only chance by the Papuans. The crowd easily managed a goal or three had their players kept their cool when facing the Kiwis' rattled defence.

Paul Oltshoorn, after a very good game, scored his only goal to make it nine, then came Cave with his third and Phil Barton with his third to complete the rout.

— ALEX VESIC



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EVANS FOR APIA?

Fiji 1
Taiwan 2

Ivor Evans, the
Fijian speedster and
the man who had
shown exceptional
skill and flair,
became the first
player to be sent off
in this tournament.
The way he behaved
during the incident
was disgraceful.

He was impeded 45 metres
from goal by Taiwan's best
player, Lai Kuan-Chou. Referee
Eilander of Israel awarded a
free kick to Fiji and moved
into Taiwan's half with his
back to the goal.
Evans struck Kuan-Chou to
the ground, not realising that
Tim Davies, the linesman, had
watched the whole thing.
Davies called Tilinger over
and as soon as Evans realised
that he had been "sprung", he
fell to the ground clutching his
knee, body, foot, you name it.
He was suffering from all
sorts of ailments. As the referee
approached, a number of
Fijian players surrounded him
asking for help for their star.
The referee was not to be
swayed by the antics of Evans
and his team mates. As
Evans was loaded on to a stret-



Chris Kalantzis (extreme right) scores one of his four goals in Australia's 6-1 win over Fiji. Others pictured, from left: Goalkeeper Andrews, Isikeli Delana, Anwar Shan, Semisi Tokaligi (all Fiji), Andrew Bernal (Australia), fullback Moy (Fiji). Picture by ALEX VESIC.

cher, the referee took out the
red card.
It was a miserable performance
from the Fijian player,
the man who may soon to play
in the National League with
APIA-Leichhardt!

Fiji came into this match as
favourite but at no stage
looked like getting less than a
hammering. In fact the Fijians
should consider themselves
lucky not to have lost by a few
more goals.

Taiwan was far superior
during the first period and
missed a few openings before
Yeh Ching-Tung came up with
the opening goal.
Lai Kuan-Chou waltzed
around a few Fijians before
chipping his cross for Yeh
Ching-Tung to score with a
brilliant diving header.

In the 60th came a fatal
error by goalkeeper John
Andrews which gave Taiwan a
two-goal lead. Lai Kuan-Chou
was on the spot to score from
close range after Andrews had
failed to take the ball cleanly.

Madigi Ravuama made it 2-1
with a sizzler in the 72nd to set
the stage for a final onslaught
by Fiji.

Delana in the 75th and Ra-
vuama in the 88th missed from
only a few metres, when it
looked far more difficult to
miss.

— ALEX VESIC
N. Zealand 3
Fiji 2

Fiji had all the hard luck
stories in the world after this
one. If ever a team
should have won a game
easily, it was Fiji, which
ran rings around the New
Zealand defenders for
much of the match, but
just couldn't find the net.

The skill difference between
these two sides was quite re-
markable. Fiji had all the tal-
ent. New Zealand was wooden
in comparison, yet still won.

Handball by Shane
Clapperton resulted in a penal-

ty from which Isikeli Delana
shot Fiji into the lead after
nine minutes, and Nemani
Maritino and Aiyub Khan
missed two other chances
before New Zealand equalised
through Darren McClenahan in
the 37th minute.

New Zealand took the lead
with a penalty converted by
Mark Cossey after Shah
Anwar had brought down Phil
Barton just before half time,
but yet another penalty — this
time over Clapperton's foul on
James Hoyt — enabled Khan
to make it 2-2 in the 67th mi-
nute.

Then came the Fiji pro-
cession. Hoyt's shot was stopped
by the outstretched foot of
goalkeeper David White, Paul
Osterhoorn had to clear off
the line, and Fiji was bomb-
arding the goal from all angles.

But with five minutes to go,
the Fijian defence paid the
price for slack marking.
Cossey was left unmarked at
the far post after a cross from
the right, and he gratefully ac-

cepted the opening to score the
winning goal.

— LAURIE SCHWAB
Taiwan 3
Papua NG 1

Taiwan fell behind early
but stormed back during
the second period to regis-
ter its second win and
finish fourth.

Despite the absence of its
star striker Lai Kuan-Chou,
Taiwan never looked troubled
despite the first-half setback.
Following a cross by Paul
it was Sindol who scored to
give New Guinea a semblance
of a chance. One of the Papua
defenders did a somersault in
delight over Papua taking the
lead.

They held on during the first
period but fell to sustained
pressure during the second
half. Yeh Ching-Tung scored
two goals in the space of
twelve minutes to earn his side
the points and overtake Fiji on
the competition ladder.

— ALEX VESIC

One year ban for NZ youth coach

New Zealand youth coach Doug Moore has
been suspended for 12 months from inter-
national competition.

The suspension, which was announced on Monday bans Moore from
taking part in any international tournaments as a representative of the
New Zealand Football Association.

The FIFA judiciary committee began an inquiry into complaints
against Moore's behaviour after Israel had defeated New Zealand 4-2 in
the World Youth Championships Oceania elimination series at St George
Stadium last Friday night.

Australian Soccer Federation executive director Brian Emery said the
report had charged Moore with offensive behaviour and threatening ref-
eree Ian Moule of Papua New Guinea as he left the field at the com-
pletion of the game.

Moore's accreditation to this tournament has been withdrawn, and
his suspension from all international football is operative from Monday,"
said Emery.

The New Zealand Football Association will hold an inquiry into the
incident and subsequent suspension on the youth team's return to Auck-
land.

"We will uphold the suspension and will not ignore the report because
this is a FIFA tournament," said New Zealand FA president Charles
Dempsey.

"However, we must study the referee's report as well as the state-
ment on the match and from the judiciary.

"I am not prepared to make any statement of condemnation until the
football council is aware of all the facts. The reported offences are too
serious to make a hasty decision.

Dempsey said that reports of Moore's dismissal by the New Zealand
Football Association were premature and no decision would be made on
his coaching future until the issue has been considered by the football
council.

New Zealand assistant manager Neil McKenzie took charge of the
Kiwi team for its final match of the Youth tournament against Fiji on
Sunday.

— TED SIMMONS

\$5000 stolen from Israelis

Thieves took \$5000 from tour leader Airo Kramer during the
Israelis' visit for the World Youth Championship qualifying series.
The total comprised \$1600 in cash and the rest in travellers' cheques.

Victoria, NSL push for more imports

The National League will push for new
import regulations under which clubs would
be able to sign up to three players from over-
seas this year.

The blueprint for change came from the Victorian Soccer
Federation, whose chairman Michael Weinstein was at the
NSL's meeting in Sydney at the weekend.

Any change has to be agreed upon by the ASF, but Weinstein
believes such approval will be given.

Under present restrictions, NSL and State League clubs are
allowed to have three temporary visa players on their books at
the one time but they may not sign more than one new player a
year from overseas.

If, after signing one overseas player, a club still has vacancies
for visa players, it may recruit them from among those tied to
other local clubs.

The proposal to be put to the ASF is that a club should be able to
fill its three-import quota any way it wishes.

This would result in a greater supply of players. Ideally, it
would boost attendances — as, presumably, these players would be
of good quality — and help control transfer fees which have
been pushed up by a shortage of talent on the local market.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Canberra misses out on Fabrizio

The Canberra Olympians (formerly
Canberra Arrows) have failed to secure the
services of crack Queensland midfielder Lu-
ciano Fabrizio — even though the youngster
played for them against Newcastle 10 days
ago.

"I'm stunned — and very
disappointed," said Canberra
coach, Doug Collins. "Anyone
would be disappointed at one
day thinking you have a player
and the next learning you
haven't."

Collins has long been im-
pressed with the skills of the
20-year-old Queensland-
er.

"We'd agreed terms at
\$10,000 with Brisbane City and
on that basis Fabrizio came
down to play," Collins said.

"He seemed happy with the
culture of player we have and
the type of club we are."

"However, he would not
sign until he returned home to
discuss arrangements in Bris-
bane. The next thing I knew
was that he had decided to
remain a Brisbane City play-
er."

Fabrizio's departure does
leave Canberra with a mid-
field gap, but Collins still
hopes to sign top utility player
Jimmy Cant.

— PETER WINDSOR

— PHILIP MICALFEE



Dave Mitchell

Brooking to play in Perth

A tiny WA Second
Division club has
scooped the eastern
states in signing
former England inter-
national Trevor Brook-
ing.

Kelmscott, an unfashionable
side from Perth's eastern sub-
urbs, has just concluded ne-
gotiations with the former
West Ham schemer.

Brooking is expected to
arrive in Australia on June 22.
He will play a total of six
matches for Kelmscott for a
fee understood to be \$1700 a
week.

A number of National
League sides had shown inter-
est in Brooking, who retired
from first-class soccer last
year after a nagging groin in-
jury.

But Brooking chose Kelms-
cott because of the club's con-
nections with West Ham, some
directors of both clubs being
related.

The WA club has engaged a
marketing consultancy firm to
promote the tour and a major
sponsor has been contracted to
underwrite the tour.

During his six-week stay in
Perth, Brooking will take part
in coaching clinics, seminars,
sportsmen's nights and busi-
ness promotions.

In a 19-year spell at Upton
Park, Brooking played over
630 matches for West Ham,
scoring more than 100 goals.
None was more important and
gave him more pleasure than
the one he scored in the 1980
Cup final against Arsenal
when West Ham, then in the
Second Division, beat the
Gunners 1-0.

Brooking also played 47
times for England.

— PHILIP MICALFEE

Mitchell set for Adelaide Juventus

Socceroo striker David
Mitchell is almost certain to
be back with Adelaide City
Juventus for the start of the
NSL season.

By ALLAN CRISP

Juve president, Charlie Caruso, said
that Mitchell had agreed to sign a two or
three year contract.

"I will confirm it officially once the
deal is finalised with our sponsor, Fair-
mont Homes," Mr Caruso said.

Mitchell last week told his father Jim,
who lives in Adelaide, that he is ready to
quit Glasgow Rangers and return to Adel-
aide as soon as possible.

Adelaide City Juventus, with the back-
ing of its latest sponsor Fairmont Homes,
has made Mitchell an offer he is unlikely
to refuse.

David's father, Jimmy, who is acting on
his behalf, described the offer as "fantas-
tic".

"I want David to do what is best for his
career. While I would be thrilled to have
him back here, I would not like to see him
turn his back on the chance to play in Eng-
land," Mr Mitchell said.

Mr Mitchell, a former professional
goalkeeper with Rangers, said he believed
that Watford and Manchester City have
shown interest in David.

"David is fed up with not getting a regu-
lar place in Rangers first team.

"The final crunch came after he was
dropped following his two good games in the
Scottish FA Cup ties against Morton.

"He was one of the best on the field in the
3-3 draw and scored when Rangers
won the replay.

"Jock Wallace was in hospital then for a
hernia operation and coach Alec Trotter
was in charge, but for the next league
game Davie was dropped on the instruc-
tions of Wallace.

"Davie told me he first thought he was
at fault, but he now knows that it is simply
that Jock Wallace does not like him."

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RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Stewart 32nd) ALBION ROVERS 1 (Purcell 50th)

FRANKTON PINES 5 (Dick 3, Cooke, Thurlow) KNOX CITY 3 (Roddie, Pate, Tunstall)

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 65th)

NORTHCOTE 0 CROYDON 2 (Ollerton 50th, French 61st)

THOMASTOWN 4 (Beller 17th, Fiegale 28th, Acassi 54th, Piansato 67th) WESTERN SUBURBS 0

THOMASTOWN: Rapponi 7 — Cozzolino 8, Carfora (in), Di Berardino 29th, 6, Acassi 8, Smale 8 — Walters 7 (Piansato 60th), Franchesch 7, Di Martino 8 (Lalic 45th), Salvatore 7 — Fiegale 7, Beller 8. Coach: Joe Wilson

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 5 — Kagioglou 4, Epseito 5, Miazali 5, Hamill 5, Katsani 4, Dinevski 5, J. Christodoulou 4 — DiBerito 4, K. Coyle 5, Meletis 5 (Stefanidis H.T.), 4. Coach: Jimmy Condliffe

ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 65th) FRANKTON PINES 1 (Cullen 55th)

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Grigic 8 — Svec 7, Ramboak 8, Bezic 6 (Kestura H.T.), Maccavie 6 (Pavlovic 58th) — Bezic 8, Brkicovic 7, Risticovic 7, Loner 7 — Morovic 7, Cullin 8. Coach: Joe Spillar

FRANKTON PINES: Thurlow 7 — Wilson 7 (Havett H.T.), Cullen 7, Lawton 8, Ferris 7 — Cooke 7, Ross 7, Thomas 7 — Dick 8, Cumming 8, Miller 6 (Rust 40th). Coach: Danny McMinimee

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 NORTHCOTE 2 (Filippis 52nd, P. Constantino 62nd)

SPRINGVALE CITY: Clayton 7 — D. Luca 6, Lytton 7, Malt 6 (K. Humble 65th), Fitzpatrick 8 — G. Bann 7, Bentley 6 (sent off 47th), Campbell 5 — Ball 5, Garvey 5 (Van Dierendonk 44th), Nelson 8. Coach: Ian Greener

NORTHCOTE: Gnanopoulos 8 — Kourtemenos 7, Baziki 7, Cullen 7, J. Constantino 5 — Bekias 5, Iorio 7, Filippis 6 (Pangopoulos 55th) — Dioneopoulos 7, P. Constantino 7, Siliadis 6. Coach: Jany Pyrgiolos

CROYDON 3 (French 15th, penalty 45th, O'Reilly 55th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0

CROYDON: Whiteside 7 — Brown 7, O'Reilly 8 (Bates 55th), Singleton 7, Tansy 8 — McDonald 7, Braverton 7, Taylor 7, Livingston 7 — French 8, Ollerton 7. Coach: Peter Ollerton

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 6 — Murray 6, Cooke 5 (Barton H.T.), Meyer 6, Verniers 5 (Wemyss 55th) — Haug 7, Stern 5 (sent off 45th), M. Bakker 5 — Houdend 5 (Lange H.T. 5), van Egemond 7, Stewart 6. Coach: Cor Teunou

SECTION "A"

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croydon	3	0	1	5	4	6
Northcote	2	1	1	5	4	5
Albion Rovers	0	2	1	2	3	2
Wilhelmina	0	2	3	2	6	2
Springvale	0	1	2	1	4	1

SECTION "B"

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thomastown	3	0	0	7	4	6
Patan Pines	2	1	0	7	4	5
Dinamo	1	1	1	2	3	3
Knox City	1	1	2	6	2	3
W. Suburbs	0	0	4	0	7	0

This Sunday's matches, kick offs 3pm:

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Springvale City, Croydon v Albion Rovers, Frankston Pines v Thomastown, St. Albans Dinamo v Knox City.



Morwell left back Jimmy Train (left) tries to fend off Drago Deankovic of Melbourne Croatia during the Buffalo Gold semifinal. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

JUST BRILLIANT, BRIS

Croatia 1 Morwell F. 0

NSL bosses watching this semi-final would have held their heads in their hands in despair. Why, oh why didn't we plead with Morwell Falcons to enter our league in 1985, would have been the thought going through their minds.

Why not, indeed? For this display by Falcons was so gutsy that it prompted Heidelberg Alexander and Preston Makedonia fans, warming up for the second semi-final, to applaud the lads from the Latrobe Valley as they trudged off wearily at the end of a nail-biting period of extra time.

Emil Bruns, a local lad, was superb as Falcons' stopper, really superb, while Jim MacLean's disposal again was a delight to watch.

Morwell almost hit on the break in the 13th minute when a superb ball by MacLean sent Ian Stirton through but Shaun Parton recovered well to block

Stirton's shot. Five minutes later Stirton let fly from just outside the area but the ball whistled wide of the near post. Steve Moore, Falcons' sweeper, had to clear off the line following a Parton header in the 25th minute and Stirton almost opened the scoring in the 32nd minute after a mix-up between Parton and Croatia goalie Zeljko Govic. MacLean lobbed the ball into the Croatia area and Govic hesitated, enabling Stirton to go over the top of Parton and head down. Govic finally had to come off his line but even then Stirton got a foot to the ball only to poke it wide.

Two minutes later, a Josip Biskic corner was headed over by Parton. Both sides were knocking high balls into the area and Govic was attacking these crosses much more confidently and aggressively than Morwell goalie Romeo Prezioso.

Parton went agonisingly close to scoring in the 35th minute when he headed a Biskic free kick onto the underside of the bar and within a minute a Biskic cross picked out Jozo Antolovic stealing in at the near post but Antolovic's diving header went just wide.

A tremendous, bullocking run by Tommy Cumming

carried him past three opponents in the 37th minute and into the Morwell area. Cumming lost possession but Morwell still couldn't clear. Finally, Biskic shot wide on the turn.

Biskic was in the thick of the action again in the 39th minute. Prezioso pushed a shot from Victor Cristaldo wide and Biskic thumped a shot over the bar.

A gem of a lay-off from Stirton in the 42nd minute sent MacLean through but Govic tipped MacLean's shot just over.

The pace didn't slacken in the second half which was 10 minutes off when Stirton volleyed over.

Tony Curcio was injured tackling Stirton. Curcio came off for treatment but couldn't continue so Danny Sabljak came on in defence.

Just 13 minutes remained when Croatia looked certain to apply the killer touch. Biskic sent Greg House clear on the left and House lobbed the ball into the Falcons' area. Cumming quickly got goalside of his marker, chested the ball down and shot, but Prezioso smothered brilliantly.

Three minutes later, House got possession following a

Dockerty results

Results of last weekend's second preliminary round of the 1985 Dockerty Cup:

Geelong 5 Lalor United 1, Ardeer 0 Bulleen 1, Mornington 0, Keysborough 0, Coburg 1 East Brunswick 3, Lecco Holdings 1 Kew Park Rangers 0, Corio 1 Moorabbin 0, Mooroolbark 1 Bell Park 4, Yallourn 3 Boronia 1, Dandenong City 2 Langwarrin 4, Altona Gate 1 Prahran Slavia 0, SM-Mordialloc 0 South Oakleigh 1, Ballarat 1 Sunbury 3, Fortuna 4 Doncaster Rovers 2, Holland Park 1 Waverley City 0.

The first main round of the Dockerty Cup will be played on Saturday march 16. The draw hasn't been made yet.

Box Hill 2 (A. Humble 43rd, Hennessey 67th). Referee: A. Frangou 6.

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Final group standings:

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Makedonia.....	3	2	0	9	5	8
Green Gully.....	2	3	0	9	4	7
Hellas.....	1	2	2	6	5	4
Polonia.....	0	2	3	5	9	2
Box Hill.....	0	1	3	5	16	1

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
H'berg-Alexander...	4	1	0	10	3	9
Morwell Falcons.....	2	2	1	7	5	6
Fawkner.....	2	1	2	5	7	5
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St.G Cross.....	0	3	2	7	9	3
Footsc. JUST.....	1	1	3	4	7	3

TASIOS A STAR IN THE MAKING

Heidelberg 1 Makedonia 0

Steve Tasios is going to be a star in Australian soccer. Remember his name.

Now let's list the provisos. Provided the youngster doesn't get carried away with his own publicity, provided that he continues to work hard on his game, provided that he doesn't get carried away by the dollar chase, and provided

that he doesn't get badly injured, he can become an outstanding player.

Tasios, along with experienced, tried Selemidis, dominated the midfield against Preston Makedonia, exposing a lack of sharpness in this area which will give Makedonia coach Bill Murray some cause for concern.

Robbie Dunn charged forward in the 17th minute and played the ball to Gary Cole, who neatly sidestepped an opponent then shot over.

A minute later, Cole should

have scored. Joe Angele gave Cole the ball but the big striker pushed it too far forward as Jeff Oliver came off his line. Cole still got there first but Oliver smothered superbly.

Selemidis was unlucky in the 21st minute. He beat two opponents, slipped the ball wide to Tasios on the left and charged into the Makedonia area. Richard Wilson parried Tasios's shot and Selemidis, under pressure, struck a first time volley over from 10 metres.

Warren Spink shot wide on the turn in the 27th minute and a minute later, his deflected shot caught Oliver going the

wrong way but the Heidelberg goalie recovered well to get down and save.

Steve Winn surprised Wilson with a long shot in the 30th minute. The ball struck the far post and was scrambled clear.

Tasios took matters into his own hands in the 34th minute. Winn played a crossfield ball to Tasios, who skipped past three opponents on a scintillating 40 metre run, only to be flattened from behind inside the Makedonia area. Yankos took the resultant penalty, blasting the ball well out of Wilson's reach to make it 1-0.

The second half degenerated as a spectacle. Makedonia

Buffalo Gold Cup details

SEMI FINALS

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Deankovic 96th) MORWELL FALCONS 0 after extra time. Crowd: about 9000. Caution: Stirton (MF). Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Govic 8 — Deankovic 8, Parton 8, Curcio 7 (inj. Juric 65th), Hannah 7 (inj. Sabljak 48th, 61 — Biskic 8, Campbell 8, Antolovic 7, Cristaldo 7 — House 7, Cumming 8. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 7 — Bingham 7, Moore 8, Bruns 9, Train 6 — T. van Baar 7, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 7, Cassar 5 — Athersych 6, Stirton 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunn.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Yankos penalty 34th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0. Crowd: about 9000. Cautions: Yankos, Tasios, Marley (Heid), Heys, Dunn, Flavell, Opasinis (Mak). Referee: Stuart Melings 6.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 8 — McKie 8, Yankos 8, Angle 7, Marley 7 — Metaxas 6, Valentine 6, Selemidis 8, Tasios 9 — Winn 8, Stevenson 8. Coach: Brian Garvey.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — McMillan 8, Dunn 8, Dobson 8, Opasinis 7 — Heys 6, Flavell 5, Ilioski 6 — Lane 7, Cole 6, Spink 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

SECTION B

MAKEDONIA 4 (Lane 8th, 11th, Cole 23rd, Ilioski 45th) BOX HILL 2 (A. Humble 43rd, Hennessey 67th). Referee: A. Frangou 6.

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Gojevic lucky

Steve Gojevic breathed a sigh of relief when plaster was removed from his broken left foot after only one day.

Gojevic said the first doctor he saw diagnosed a broken bone in the foot, applied the plaster and told him he'd be out of action for at least six weeks.

He sought a second opinion, which was that the plaster should come off and that he'd be back in action in less than three weeks.

"Whereas I felt pain while I was in plaster, it doesn't hurt at all now," Gojevic said. He was injured in a tackle by defender Steve McLelland in the Buffalo Gold Cup match against Green Gully last Saturday week.

Gojevic, 19, was one of Croatia's stars in the series, and his winning goal against Hellas rates as one of the highlights of his career so far. "It's one of the most satisfying moments I can remember," he said this week. "We were down to 10 men because Tony Curcio had been sent off, we never had beaten Hellas, and everyone expected us to get hammered. But then I got that goal which won us the game and the feeling was unbelievable. I hope to do it to Hellas a few more times this season."

"I'm really looking forward to the season. I hope to learn that goal which won us the game from our new coach, Dom Kapetanovic, and there's also talk about a Yugoslav Second Division player joining us."

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Tommy CUMMING **Grag HOUSE**

I know it's risky backing against Croatia in a final but I'm going to stick out my neck and go for Heidelberg to win tonight's (Wednesday's) Buffalo Gold Cup final at Olympic Park, starting at 8.15pm.

Heidelberg doesn't have Croatia's injury worries. Stuart Stevenson scored a hat-trick the last time he played Croatia, and the Heidelberg defence should keep Tommy Cumming and Greg House in check, but only just.

The biggest clash of the night should be the one between Josip Biskic and Steve

Marley. If Biskic is shackled, Croatia loses a lot of its impetus.

However, keeping Biskic quiet is easier said than done. He's clearly one of the finest, right-sided attacking players in Australian soccer for mine.

Marley's not flashy, but boy, is he effective. In fact, Marley and Ian McKie are tremendous competitors and Croatia should have problems trying to stretch Heidelberg at the back.

Even if Cumming and House get onto the end of chances, they're still got to find a way past Jeff Oliver, who has had an absolutely outstanding tournament and is favorite to take out the Player of the Series award.

Theo Selemidis was in sparkling touch in Heidelberg's semi-final win over Preston Macedonia. Selemidis is relishing playing in a central mid-field role and he'll be a constant menace to Croatia at set-piece situations where his heading ability is awesome.

One of the great battles of the night will be the Drago Deankovic-Steve Tasios clash. Deankovic loves to get forward. So does Tasios, which could curtail Deankovic a bit.

Both have fine close control and pace.

Stevenson's hat-trick against Croatia put Heidelberg into the National Conference grand final last year and the way Stevenson worked against Macedonia suggests that Croatia's defence, as well organised as it is, will have its hands full stopping him.

WE'RE READY AND ABLE

I think we'll win tonight and the lads feel the same way. In fact, I'm pretty confident that this is going to be our year.

We've improved right throughout the Buffalo Cup and we're just about right for this one.

I think that this will be a far better soccer game than our semi against Preston. I felt that that semi was a bit over-competitive but against a side like Croatia, which loves to knock the ball around, I think the fans will be in for a treat.

Our willingness, our running, teamwork and ability on the ball are our strengths.

We've got one of the finest goalkeepers in Australia in Jeff Oliver and the big thing about our full-backs Ian McKie and Steve Marley is that they can attack and defend. Then there is Charlie Yankos and Joe Angele. Joe's doing really good for me as stopper, which is important, seeing that Don Macleod still hasn't come to terms with the club over a new contract. And Charlie's got it all — he can sweep, he can

Jeff OLIVER

Ian MCKIE **Joe ANGELE** **Charlie YANKOS** **Steve MARLEY**

John METAXAS **Theo SELEMIDIS** **Mike VALENTINE** **Steve TASIOS**

Steve WINN **Stuart STEVENSON**

By BRIAN GARVEY, Heidelberg coach

head, his control is good, he can play a long ball, he can tackle.

We've got a couple of youngsters in midfield in John Metaxas and Steve Tasios. John is doing really well. There's been a big improvement in that lad's game since last season. And Steve is really exciting. I'd like to see him getting among the goals though, and I'm hoping that he can do that this season.

I was really impressed with the way Steve Winn and Stuart Stevenson ran hard for us in the semi-final. We've done a fair bit of physical work this year and it pleased me to see it paying off like that.

Croatia's a good football side and I respect them. View Cumming, Biskic and Antolovic, who I think is underrated in midfield, can be very, very effective.

The clash between Marley and Biskic could play an important part in deciding this one.

WATCH OUT FOR HOUSE

This is going to be a very, very tight game as far as I can see.

We've got injury problems. Tony Curcio probably won't play, and George Hannah and I have got ankle injuries but I'm hoping that we can shunt them off in time.

If we've got close to a full strength side and all the lads put in for each other, we can win.

I haven't done a lot of work this year on the forwards. I've concentrated more on the defence and it's good to see that our defensive record in the Buffalo Cup is good. We've only conceded two goals and both were due to bad passes by our players.

We've got to keep pressuring Heidelberg, pick up the runners and maintain our discipline and I think we can do that.

Jim Campbell hasn't been getting good press recently but he's working his guts out for us. He's not getting a lot of the ball which means that he's not reaping the rewards for all the effort he's putting in but as long as he keeps working hard, I'm sure that the breaks will come his way.

By TOMMY CUMMING Croatia coach

Victor Cristaldo is a really good young player. He's still got a lot to learn of course but what I like about him is that as well as having bags of skill and being good going forward, he's doing his defensive duties and that's very important.

Greg House reminds me a bit of myself when I was young — he's got pace. Seriously though, he'll score goals for us. I'm sure of that.

The remarkable find of the Buffalo Cup as far as I'm concerned, has been our goalkeeper Zeljko Govic. He was the only one who did a full pre-season so I was going to play him anyway but he's amazed me with his displays so far.

Heidelberg's strength is its defence. It always has been. And the two guys up front put the boot in and work very hard. But our defence has been great, so I can't see Heidelberg getting much up front.

I think the pace of House just might catch Heidelberg out at the back.

Host of stars in fierce battle for positions

Heidelberg 2 Morwell F. 1

Heidelberg-Alexander finished on top of Section B as the most successful Buffalo Cup team after the group games. It amassed

the most points — nine — and scored the most goals — 10.

It did so with flashes of stylish soccer, brilliant goalkeeping by Jeff Oliver and the versatility of young players John Metaxas, Steve Tasios and John Gabrielson.

Coach Brian Garvey's perseverance with the younger

players has paid off for the club in contrast to negotiations with Don Macleod and Mike Petersen who has just returned from trials in Holland. What the club is saying to them in effect is, 'If you don't like it, lump it. We've got replacements.'

But Petersen said after the game on Wednesday night that he wants to keep on playing for Heidelberg, despite earlier reports that

he wanted to give Hellas a try. He said he was confident he and the club would agree on a new contract.

If so and if Don Macleod returns to the fold — there are no takers at the moment, even though his transfer fee has been lowered from \$18,000 to \$14,000 — there will be fierce competition for places in the Heidelberg team.

Arthur Xanthopoulos, the former Hellas captain, is

standing by, waiting to join Heidelberg, pending the result of an appeal against his transfer fee.

The temptation is, of course, to drop the youngest — Tasios and Metaxas — simply because they haven't had time to develop reputations as weights as the older players.

But who would then provide all that speed and endless, energetic running which opponents find so difficult to counter?

Metaxas has been particularly impressive in his recent matches. Whereas Tasios had looked the better of the two, Metaxas now has shown he lacks little of Tasios' talent in fact. Metaxas appears a little more versatile in the range of roles he can play.

As for Morwell Falcons, the team Heidelberg beat on Wednesday, it should go very close to winning its second successive State League title, barring unforeseen circumstances such as injuries or internal upheavals.

Falcons are efficient as a unit, their men get behind the ball quickly when they lose possession and in Russell Athersych, Ian Stinton and Steve Moore, they have reliable goalkeepers.

Athersych, incidentally, has been Morwell's best player in the Cup series and one of the overall best of the competition.

He gave Ian McKie a hard time on Wednesday and shot his team into the lead in the 10th minute, finding the top far corner with a sizzling drive against which even Oliver was helpless.

But Morwell's lead lasted less than a minute. Metaxas crossed from the right and there was Winn in the middle, to put it away with great gusto.

Stevenson again was Heidelberg's star in attack. Back after a one-week suspension imposed on him by the club because he attended a rock concert rather than a training session, Stevenson played his usual blood and guts game up front, and would have scored at least a hat-trick had Harry Bingham, Emil Bruns, replacement goalkeeper Ecot and a couple of others not thrown their bodies in the way of his blackstier shot.

Heidelberg completed the scoring four minutes before half-time, when Theo Se-



Heidelberg captain Theo Selemidis — he scored the winning goal against Morwell Falcons. At left is Charlie Yankos.

midis rose high over a defender to head home a corner from Mike Valentine.

Even then, Heidelberg was lucky not to concede an immediate equaliser. Charlie Yankos lost the ball to Moore whose great drive, however, was saved desperately by Oliver.

Oliver was injured shortly after half time when he collided with Athersych who was returning onto a slick through ball from Moore.

Oliver eventually limped back into action, and in the 50th minute, Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey replaced stopper Joe Angele and midfielder Valentine.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Humble scores, Hillmen escape a thrashing

Makedonia 4 Box Hill 2

Makedonia looked mean enough to score perhaps 10 after going to 3-0 lead, but then it must have suffered pangs of remorse for after half time, Makedonia looked decidedly tame.

I guess there was no need for more venom. By then Makedonia was well and truly through to the semi-finals.

Box Hill got its two consolation goals through substitutes Andy Humble, who just had joined the club from Doncaster Rovers, and Dean Hennessey. Humble scored with a shot that hit a defender's foot and deflected past Traianidis, and Hennessey's low shot, after a cut-back from David Azzopardi, found its target despite the desperate attempts of a defender to stop it with his hands on the goal line.

Box Hill coach Keith Webster reorganised his team at half time, taking off right back Gary McPhee, moving David Brooks from centre back to right back, and switching Peter Verechia from attack to centre back, thus creating the vacancy up front for Humble. Hennessey and Don Lawler came on later for Rafael Underwood and Robbie McLachlan.

Every match is of vital importance nowadays for Makedonia's Gary Cole. The club bought ace striker Steve Smith from Box Hill last week (he couldn't play in this match due to work commitments), meaning Smith now poses a threat to Cole's place in the team

unless Murray opts for four forwards, which is unlikely.

Cole responded to the challenge with some intelligent off-the-ball running, some incisive passes in attack, a couple of promising shots, and a goal which resulted from Box Hill's poor defending.

However, it was Cole's attacking partner, Sean Lane, who was the star of the match — again! He took time to settle down after joining from Derby County last year, but he hit peak form in the off-season All Nations Cup, playing for "England", and has maintained that form into the Buffalo Cup.

Cole had a couple of embarrassing misses early in the match.

But he did play a part in the opening goal, getting up to challenge McKinlay on a header from Dobson, preventing McKinlay from stopping the move. The ball came down to Robbie Dunn who relayed it to Lane for the finishing touch, making the score 1-0 after eight minutes.

Three minutes later, Graham Heys beat a couple of

men with ease down the left wing and crossed for Lane to head in No. 2.

Con Opasinis was playing extremely well at left back for Makedonia, and his tremendous confidence was evident in a highly adventurous crossfield pass he played along the half line to Ilioski on the right side. Opasinis was to play a part in the fourth goal.

After 23 minutes, meanwhile, the score was boosted to 3-0 by Cole. A Box Hill defender in front of goalkeeper McKinlay and in doing so, virtually handed it to Cole on a platter. Cole made his way past an opponent and planted the ball past McKinlay.

Midfielder Keith Valentine started one of Box Hill's few attacks with a long through ball to Rafael Underwood in the 31st minute. Underwood cut it square into the middle, but Darren White's shot was smothered at point-blank range by Traianidis.

With the score at 3-0, there was more interest in the results of the World Youth Championship qualifying

series from Sydney, New Zealand, we heard, had beaten Papua New Guinea 11-0, Fiji had realised its potential in holding Israel to a scoreless draw, and Australia was leading Taiwan on the way to a 3-0 victory.

Box Hill resumed after half time with its reshuffled line-up (incidentally, how did David Brooks grow all that hair?) but within minutes, Lane threatened to make it 4-0 with a shot that capped the good lead-up play of George McMillan, Dobson and Spink. The shot, however, was saved by McKinlay.

Humble made it 3-1, but Makedonia restored a three-goal advantage within two minutes. Dunn slipped a pass to Lane, who sent it wide to Opasinis. The full back kept running forward, and then crossed for Ilioski to slam home a brilliant shot.

McKinlay made his best save of the evening in stopping a shot by Kotevski from only six metres, just before Hennessey scored to make it 4-2.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



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Martyn Crook makes no bones about it. His attitude was all wrong when he made his last appearance in goal for Australia. That was in early 1983, when the Socceroos lost to New Zealand 1-2 in Auckland and 0-2 in Melbourne — results that were to be used later as excuses for the sacking of national coach Les Scheinflug.

Crook played a total of 13 games for the Socceroos, including nine full internationals in China, Taiwan, Singapore, New Zealand and at home. Although he's now making a comeback with West Adelaide Hellas after an 18-month lay-off, he doubts that he'll ever play for Australia again.

And that's a shame. Of course it remains to be seen whether he can recapture his best form, but in his prime, he was one of the best goalkeepers Australia has had. From 1977 to 1981 inclusive — a total of five consecutive seasons — he was named in "Soccer Action's" all-star NSL team of the year as No. 1 goalkeeper in the nation.

Unfortunately, on his own admission, Crook's attitude and enthusiasm have not always matched his talent.

Even now he has a few self-doubts. "What worries me most is that I spent more than a year out of the game, and I didn't miss it at all," he said at his Adelaide home, after a day killing pests. He and a couple of partners started a pest control and insulation business — one of the reasons for his long absence from the game. To build up the business, they do all the work themselves rather than hiring staff, with the result that he couldn't find enough time to train.

Recalling his last two games for Australia, Crook says: "My attitude was going wrong at the time. I'd been playing 12 months of the year and I was fed up with the training and so on. I didn't do myself justice, and I guess I wasn't in the right state of mind to be playing at that level. After the New Zealand series, I had a knee injury and missed many games, which resulted in West Adelaide buying Gary Sproul from Adelaide Croatia. Then I came back, had one bad game in six — against Newcastle — and I dropped. I made myself unavailable for the last four games of that 1983



Martyn Crook — during a particularly easy game?

Crook won't be a pest when it comes to politics

season, after our coach, Alan Vest left, and I was out for the whole 1984 season.

"I don't think I'll ever play for Australia again. I've got to worry more about getting myself fit and trying to win the West Adelaide goalkeeper position from Gary Sproul. That will be hard enough."

In many ways, Crook still feels the hangover of the West Adelaide-Alan Vest split, but he stresses that his days of getting involved in contentious club matters are over.

"Graham Honeyman and I were responsible for Alan Vest coming to Adelaide. The club wanted to build a new, winning team, and when we were asked to recommend the best possible coach, we suggested Vest. And we stuck by him even after the split, with the result that we got a bit of backlash."

"Vest bought Graham Heys, Alan Booth, Steve Sumner, Paul Wormley and Mick Brennan, we won the Ampol Cup and we finished seventh in the league — which was an improvement, but then Vest was crucified because we had three or four different sectors within the team stabbing each other in the back, which didn't help much out on the field."

"I was fed up with all the coaching upheavals and all the bickering and

never having a settled team. I got involved over the years in letting my opinions be known when probably I should have kept my nose out. Now my specific aim is to keep out of all that and concentrate on playing."

He's still managing only two nights of training a week, but the club is putting up with it. At 28 he should have six or seven years left at the top, but all he'll say is: "Who knows?"

One suspects that the declining quality of Adelaide's NSL teams doesn't do much to inspire the players' confidence and enthusiasm. In 1977 Adelaide City Juventus was the most heavily supported team in the nation, and in 1978 West Adelaide Hellas won the championship, but things have changed dramatically since then.

In discussing the reasons, Crook offers a few random thoughts:

"For years and years, the Greek and Italian communities put their money in, but eventually they got sick of it because they didn't see their teams being successful. They want to feel part of a competitive team that also offers entertainment, but in order to get such a team, they have to allow someone to build it. No-one can perform miracles overnight. Look how long it took South Melbourne to buy a championship — because that's what

they did; they bought it by signing every top player available.

"In 1977 and 1978 our two teams were as good, if not better than the others in the league. And the players were of a much more mature age group than the inexperienced youngsters we have at the moment. Pillans, McGachey, Reynolds, Jones and Kosmina were guys people wanted to come to see. Dixie Deans put 5000 on Adelaide City's gates by himself. Now, if you go to the ordinary guy in the street and ask him who Malavazos, Konstantopoulos or Panagis is, and he won't be able to tell you. We played with a bunch of 16-year-olds last year, and although they're all very promising, they didn't have the power to get out of it when things went wrong.

"Adelaide clubs just can't afford to buy players from the eastern States — Katholos, Raskopoulos or Kosmina, say — to boost the gates, so it will take quite a while to replace drawcards like the Mitchells, Bozanicis and Deanses of the past.

"The solution now is to stabilise, and to make sure the clubs will be around for at least three or four years. If a committee picks a coach who, in their opinion, is the best available, surely their opinion can't change in only one season. It takes three years to build and mature a team of young players."

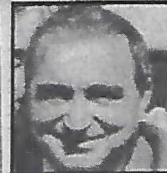
Crook was born in England but has played all his soccer in Adelaide. He thinks that may have been a mark against him because the South Australians who decided to move to Sydney — Kosmina, Todd Clarke, Vic Bozanic, David Mitchell — not only got into the national team, but also got greater exposure and more money.

Crook joined Para Hills at 17 and joined West Adelaide in 1976. A broken wrist kept him out of action for most of that year, so it wasn't until 1977 that he got the chance to strut his stuff. That was the first season of the NSL, and the first time he was named Australian Goalkeeper of the Year by "Soccer Action."

Whether he climbs again to those dizzy heights probably depends on whether West Adelaide gets it all together. Frank Worthington would help, but there's still doubt about his proposed guest stint, and the rest depends on the younger players having learned from the experiences of 1984, and the form of new striker Gary Price, bought from Croatia.

Honeyman, fronting up for his ninth season with West Adelaide, will play as sweeper, while Neil McGachey will concentrate on coaching and won't touch the field except in the case of an emergency. Tim Brown, Chris Manou, Brenton Hiern and 17-year-old Les Matiscsak from Campbelltown City are in contention for the stopper's position.

Manou will play midfield if he doesn't play stopper, and his henchmen there probably will be Atsalas, Stamatelopoulos and Panagis, while up front we have Price and Konstantopoulos. A big bonus for West Adelaide was Ian McGregor's decision to keep on playing after all. He'll be in one of the full back positions, where his experience will be valuable.



Jim Diamataris

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

Hellas still best, says Diamataris

South Melbourne Hellas's new president, Jim Diamataris, has advised fans not to worry about the team's form so far. "Some of the players came back from holidays with beer in their guts," he joked.

"Seriously, we've had a few injuries and so on, but we'll be up there with the best."

Diamataris, 38, a big wheel in the fish processing business, was elected president last week to replace Leo Anezakis who did not stand. Bill Georgiantis is vice-president and Chris Christopher chairman, and the three will share the leadership responsibilities. The committee numbers 15.

Diamataris came to Australia from Greece as a 14-year-old and played as a midfielder for Hellenic from 1953. Hellenic later amalgamated with South Melbourne to become South Melbourne Hellas.

He stayed with the club to serve on the committee under all three presidents so far — Theo Marmaras, Sam Pappasavas and Leo Anezakis.

He agrees Hellas has made mistakes over the years — like continually turning over its playing and coaching staff — but wants to forget about the past and look instead to the future.

"We have a democratic committee and if it makes mistakes, at least they will be mistakes made by the whole committee, not just one person," he said.

Diamataris aims to keep Hellas as strong as ever club-wise and team-wise, and is confident that all of the 1984 players, plus Vlado Boziovski who returned from Yugoslavia during the off-season, will sign new contracts.

However, he ruled out the possibility of signing a big-name player from Greece or England. "We've bought Gary McDowell who's an excellent player and we would look at any top forward who became available locally, but how can you get a well-known name from Greece if he can get 10 times more money over there?" He added that signing players on guest stints would only bring short-term gains, but would not solve the problem of steadily declining attendances throughout the NSL.

Diamataris, like his predecessor Anezakis, would prefer an elite 14-team NSW structure to the present north and south divisions.

KINGS OF ASIA?

• The Puma Cup, to which South Melbourne Hellas have been invited, was commenced last year, intended as the major sporting attraction over the Chinese New Year holiday in Hong Kong.

The Cup last year involved the top four clubs of the Hong Kong First division at the half way stage, plus four invited Asian teams — a South Korean selection, Shanghai (China), Thailand's Olympic side and the Japanese Soccer League selection.

Hong Kong's representatives whitewashed the visitors in the quarter finals and the now defunct Bulova went on to win the trophy, beating Happy Valley 2 — 1 in the final.

The Puma Cup is now Hong Kong's one major international invitational tournament, the Adidas Gold Cup having been abandoned when Puma became the Hong Kong Football Association's official sponsor.

Hong Kong's clubs still are regarded as the strongest in their continent and should Hellas bring back the trophy they will have every reason to believe themselves best in the Asia-Oceania region.

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SEE AUSTRALIA'S TOP TEAMS BATTLE FOR THE NATIONAL CUP

Spink wants to make it big in England



Living legend Franz Beckenbauer presents Warren Spink with the 1982 Weinstein Medal as the best junior player in Victoria.

There's excitement in Warren Spink's voice when he talks about trialling with clubs in England.

Preston Makedonia's recent recruit is on a one-year contract with a \$6,000 maximum transfer fee clause and one of his aims is to try and make it big overseas.

"I've got lots of relatives in England and I've been thinking about going over there and trying my luck," said Spink.

But for now, more immediate aims consume the 18-year-old striker.

Like making his mark in the National League.

And getting back into the national youth team which heads off to Russia in August for the World Youth Cup finals.

When the final whistle blew at St George Stadium last Sunday in the World Youth Cup elimination series, Spink's suspension from national duty ended.

He was suspended after returning from the Merlion Cup last year as a result of allegedly urinating into an ashtray in a shop in Singapore. He doesn't want to talk about the incident, rather, he now is trying to erase that blot on his budding career as quickly as possible.

"I was aware when I got back to Australia that I would be punished in some way by the Australian Soccer Federation. It was Jim Shoulder (national youth coach) who phoned me early in January and told me that the ASF had suspended me for the elimination series but Jim told me to keep working hard at my game and that he wouldn't forget me."

Makedonia beat Heidelberg, Melbourne Croatia and Canberra in the race to sign Spink. Heidelberg first contacted Spink in May last year after the national youth titles but by the season's end Makedonia, Croatia and Canberra were chasing him too. Understandably so, for his outstanding pedigree includes winning the 1982 Weinstein Medal as the best under 18

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

player in Victoria, making his senior debut for Doveton in the State League that same year, starting for Victoria in the national youth titles and going overseas with the Australian Institute of Sport team during his two-year stay in Canberra.

So why did he choose Makedonia? "Money didn't have anything to do with it but having Bill Murray as coach did."

"I've known Bill for quite some time, actually that season that I made my senior debut with Doveton (1982) I first met Bill and I know that he's a good coach and that he does a lot of work on his players."

"Bill's not a screamer but he gets his points across really well. He makes everything so clear and he lets you know exactly what he expects of you. I enjoy his training. There's a lot of variety in it and what he does makes sense."

Makedonia signed Steve Smith from Box Hill last week. Smith, winner of the 1984 Bill Fleming Medal and "Soccer Action's" Schipano award as State League Player of the Year, is a class performer. He's vying with Spink, Sean Lane and Gary Cole for a place in Makedonia's starting line-up and already there's been much press speculation about how Murray will accommodate all four strikers.

"Yeah, we certainly haven't got a shortage of strikers."

"Bill said that depending on how things are going, he might use all four of us in a game, or three, or only two of us. We don't know yet, but there's going to be a lot of pressure on us to perform which can only be a good thing for the club."

Spink was born in Luton in England and came to Australia in the late 1960's. He returned to England when he was six then came back to Australia as an 11-year-old, settling in Melbourne with his parents.

The first of his two clubs here was Doveton. He started off in the under 12's and within a few years his goalkeeping ability elevated him to senior player

status and also won him a spot in the Victorian under 15's.

"Ian Petherick was coaching the Victorian under 15's and he gave me my first go in representative soccer. Ian was a good motivator and I gained a lot of self-confidence from playing under him. He always was constructive with us youngsters."

Spink made his senior debut for Doveton against Northcote. Ernie Merrick was coaching Doveton then and that season, after bringing out striker Ian Storton and midfielder John Dowie from Scotland, Doveton staged a fighting finish to narrowly avoid relegation.

"I learned a lot from Ernie Merrick. Playing in the firsts was a big thing for me, being so young. I kind of got thrown in at the deep end and I was very, very nervous about playing but I came through it okay."

Spink still takes a keen interest in Doveton's fortunes, even though the club was relegated from State League last year.

"When I was in the institute, I always kept a check on Doveton's results and when I had a break and came back down to Victoria, I played the odd game in Doveton's reserves to keep fit."

"Doveton seems to have gone downhill over the past couple of seasons which is sad to see. There're a lot of new faces at the club and I don't really know a lot about things down there anymore but I'd like to see them pick up again."

Spink first was spotted by AIS coaches Shoulder and Ron Smith at the national under 16 titles in 1982. Shoulder invited Spink to take a place at the institute in December of that year.

"Jim (Shoulder) rang me and asked me to go to the institute. It was a big move for a youngster to make, what with leaving home and all that but I took only 10 seconds to make up my mind and off I went to Canberra."

And it's there that Spink's raw talent was moulded, refined and honed during hours of hard work.

"The facilities at the AIS are first class and Jim and Ron are great coaches. Under them, my finishing improved 100 percent. I was trying to break the net before I went there but I learned to be much more calm and controlled."

"But boy, it was a lot of hard work. We used to get up at about 6am and train until 7.30am concentrating on general fitness. Then it was off to school and back for training at about 4.30pm until 6.30pm. That second session was all about ballwork."

"I had a great two years at the institute and I really did learn a hell of a lot but at the end of last year I felt that it was time that I tried to make it in the big league."

"I spoke to Jim and Ron about it and they supported my view."

Makedonia wanted Spink to sign for more than a year but, as he explained to club president John Brannov, "You never know what's going to happen in a year. You mightn't be happy, you mightn't have had a good year and therefore you might want to move. But if everything goes okay, I'll be only too ready to sign again."

The way things are shaping, both Spink and Makedonia look set for a good year.

"I've been impressed with what I've seen so far. We've got a good squad and there's a great spirit amongst the lads."

"I haven't been overly impressed with the other sides in the Buffalo Gold Cup, although I thought Green Gully showed a lot of character to fight back against us and against Croatia. From what I've seen so far, I see no reason why we can't be right up there this year."



David Azzopardi (right) of Box Hill, volleys at goal just before South Melbourne Hellas player Pepe Abraam can block the shot.

Another Azzopardi to make his mark?

By LES SHORROCK

Look out, Janusz Prsybyl! Box Hill has an outstanding contender for this year's Victorian State League top-goalscorer award in Dave Azzopardi, who turned 19 this week.

"Now that Steve Smith and Paul Priestley have gone, I'm bursting to take over the twin striker role alongside Peter Verrechia, and I'll be disappointed if I don't top the league's goalscorers this season," he says. Polonia ace Prsybyl was top scorer in State League last year.

"Box Hill played me as a midfielder most of last season, but I didn't like it. My inclination is to take on defenders."

Lots of promising young players have had their careers ruined, one way or another, by parental interference, but not Azzopardi.

His dad, Eddie, was famous in the 1960's as the George Cross goalkeeper and from the age of nine Dave used to go and watch him, idolising him and longing for the day when he too could play for George Cross in goal.

It didn't work out quite that way, though, as Dave explains: "I was playing for Moreland's Under 9's, but the coach's son was a goalkeeper, so I had to play out in the field, but I didn't mind as long as I got a game."

"But my dad was great. He gave me lots of tips, and when I moved to Nunawading City he was the coach of our team there and he was able to point out the weaknesses of opposing goalkeepers, which was a big help to me. I really owe him a lot."

"Dad is a regional coach now in the eastern zone, but at one time he used to coach Preston Makedonia's reserve in the State League."

Other coaches have had a big influence on young Azzopardi, though.

"I've been lucky, because when I moved to Box Hill four



Flashback to the 1960's — Eddie Azzopardi (dark strip) in action for George Cross against Hellas stars John Anderson (arms raised) and Mike Mandalis.

Drakeford tops in Kiwi debut

Former South Melbourne Hellas winger Kenny Drakeford played a starring role in his debut for New Zealand when the All Whites defeated National League champions Gisborne City 4-3.

Drakeford showed guile and vision for a side that displayed encouraging form in this, the first in a series of World Cup warm-up games against club sides which culminates with a visit by English first division side Chelsea in June.

Former Adelaide City Juventus star Glen Dods also is in New Zealand's 58-man provisional squad.

Wynton and Shane Ruffer, both contracted to FC Zurich, are named though their availability remains doubtful.

Six members of the youth team currently in Australia — Stuart Jacobs, Paul Probert, Neil Cave, Mark Cossey, Darren McClellan and Phil Barton, also find themselves in contention for an All Whites jersey.

— PAUL MOON

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Tront on the move

Joe Tront last week decided to exercise the free transfer clause in his contract with Victorian State League club Polonia.

Tront, a former Victorian state team midfielder, has played with Polonia for the past two seasons.

"I'm reluctant to leave Polonia, but it doesn't look like I figure in coach Eddie Reid's plans, so I've decided to make a move," said Tront.

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Croatia hits back

PARA HILLS 2 (Bojczuk 13th, G. Durrant 73rd)
CROATIA 2 (Reich 75th, Almeida 79th). Referee: Sam Caminiti 7. First game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

PARA HILLS: Wood 8, Harvey 9, Brooks 7, Humphreys 9, Gardiner 8, Tomlinson 7, Bojczuk 9, D. Miller 8, G. Durrant 8, Green 6, (Williams 69) Moss 8. Coach: David Jenkins.

CROATIA: Skillick 7, Huchins 8, Peleko 8, Maric 7, Bidjaga 8, Reich 8, Timar 6 (Marwe 47), 7, Galina 6 (Klein 55) 6, Blute 7, Key 6, Almeida 8.

Croatia came back from the dead to grab two goals in the last five minutes and keep Para Hills on tenterhooks until the final Ampol Cup minor round game on Friday night.

Para hit the front in the 13th minute with a superb 35 metre curler from Wally Bojczuk and then survived a missed penalty by Bernie Bridges in the opening seconds of the second term.

Glenn Durrant made it 2-0 for Para with a great goal scored off the ground after he had headed against the near post.



Opposing captains Victor Salvatore (left) of Italy and Bill Kopanas of Greece line-up before the All Nations Cup final, with guests, from left: Jose Monaro of SEA, Gary Shepherd, chairman of the Department of Ethnic Affairs, George Donikian of O/28, Ian Chittick, Ethnic manager of Medibank Private, and tournament organiser Max Colucci.

Salvatore and Italy triumph

Italy defeated Greece 3-1 on Sunday to win the inaugural Medibank Private Junior World Cup, held at Egan Lee Reserve, home of Victorian State League club Knox City.

Channel 0/28 newsreader, George Donikian, presented the victorious Italian boys with their trophy and medals.

And the player of the series award went to Italy's Victor Salvatore.

One of the guests at the closing ceremony was Victorian Minister of Transport, Steve Crabb.

Tournament organisers received a set-back early in the afternoon when Turkey failed to show up for the third and fourth play-off against Chile, however the quality of play in the final ensured that the tournament was a huge success.

Knox will stage junior and senior World Cup tournaments in November this year. These tournaments will carry \$5,000 in prizemoney. Applications are now open.

For posterity, let's record the Italian and Greek squads which put on a tremendous display in Sunday's final.

ITALY: N. Juliano, M. Terzigni, A. Boukas, L. Mercuri, C. Calofiore, A. Garripoli, A. Rinnovasi, M. Rinnovasi, A. Mazzagatti, T. Palleschi, V. Salvatore, P. Perri, T. Sesa, A. Cantone, P. Cantone, R. Santili.

GREECE: A. Karageorgiou, A. Tsimiklis, P. Nikolaopoulos, S. Megias, B. Kopanas, B. Pappas, G. Mangonis, C. Karakyrakos, A. Goutsios, G. Lagadinos, C. Perdikaris, S. Krapis, A. Zacharias, S. Kollevris, C. Kosmas, M. Mandias.



Victor Salvatore of Italy, with the Medibank Private Junior World Cup trophy.

Rinnovasi, M. Rinnovasi, A. Mazzagatti, T. Palleschi, V. Salvatore, P. Perri, T. Sesa, A. Cantone, P. Cantone, R. Santili.

GREECE: A. Karageorgiou, A. Tsimiklis, P. Nikolaopoulos, S. Megias, B. Kopanas, B. Pappas, G. Mangonis, C. Karakyrakos, A. Goutsios, G. Lagadinos, C. Perdikaris, S. Krapis, A. Zacharias, S. Kollevris, C. Kosmas, M. Mandias.

S.A. Ampol Cup by ALLAN CRISP

Croatia snapped back two minutes later as Alby Reich waltzed past Para's offside trap to job young Graham Wood in the Para goal.

Then, with one minute remaining, Darwin City recruit Carlos Almeida sped through the Para defence to clip home the dramatic equaliser.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 5 (Mullan 20th and 53rd, Melita 6th, penalty, Villani 48th, Maxwell 52nd penalty) BEOGRAD-WOODVILLE 1 (Preston 55th). Referee: Bob Kerr 9. Second game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 7, Donnelly 7, Nyskous 9, Flounders 7, Caccaro 7, Melita 8, Semraco 7, Villani 9, Mullen 8, Maxwell 8, Vidmer 7 (Costanzo 54) 7.

BEograd: Flecknor 6 (Nasopa 41) 6, Kalinovic 8, Hancar 8, Douglas 7, Walsh 8, Jovanovic 6 (Evans 59) 7, Graves 8, Toland 8.

Rusmir 7 (Kizman 7), Arzina 6, Preston 8.

Adelaide City's summer avalanche of goals continued as Juventus snared another five to bring its Ampol Cup aggregate to a staggering 14 from three games.

Since Juventus had already qualified for the semi-finals before the kick-off and since Beograd could not hope to make the major round after two earlier losses, this was expected to be a friendly affair.

Not so. It was gloves off and bare knuckles!

There were some ugly incidents but after Hancar and Neville Flounders clashed in the 32nd minute, City concentrated on building on its two goal lead.

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Larkin 69th pen, 89th) PENRITH CITY 1 (Ainsworth 47th pen). NSW Ampol Cup final at St George. Crowd: 3,500. Referee: Peter Rampley 9. Caution: McIntosh (pen).

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Skellern 7, Rasmussen 7, Wheatley 7, Shaw 7 — Morosabai 7, Thomsen 7, Knight 8 — Bradley 7, Larkin 9, O'Connor 7.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 7 — Brogan 7, Cross 7, Nix 7, McIntosh 7, Ainsworth 6, Toohy 6, Hale 10 (Carbone 6) — Easthorpe 8, Hunter 6, Shute 5 (Felix 87).

John Larkin was the toast of Blacktown after scoring two goals to sink Penrith City in the NSW Ampol Cup final at St George Stadium.

Blacktown was in trouble early, losing Cliff Pointer during the warm-up. His place was taken by Ian Shaw.

Blacktown fell into deeper trouble as Jeff Ainsworth beat Hoare from the penalty spot after Ian Hunter was tripped inside the box.

Penrith had Brogan on O'Connor and McIntosh on Bradley to tighten the grip on this match but the explosive Bradley managed to run away from McIntosh only to be brought down from behind by the big fellow Johnny Larkin took the spot kick, making it 1-1 in the 6th minute.

Then came a period of sustained Blacktown attack.

With seven minutes left, Bradley was through again but the keeper dived at his feet to block the shot.

With barely a minute left, Blacktown struck home. A cross by Bradley was tipped away by Gibson. It fell for Thortwaite who found Knight, whose shot was deflected to Larkin who made sure with a driving shot into the roof of the net.

It was Blacktown's first Ampol Cup win and a deserved one. It was also a happy reunion for Blacktown and its



Blacktown captain Robert Wheatley is presented with the 1985 NSW Ampol Cup after his team downed Penrith 2-1 in last Sunday's final.

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NSW AMPOL CUP

BY ALEX VESIC

NSW pre-season tournament

MELITA 2 (O'Rourke pen 29', Wilson 53') CANTERBURY 1 (Phillips 10')

MELITA: Griffin, Stoney, O'Rourke, Wilson, Barlos, Williams, Laing, (8th Dullid) Vial, Allan, (McKie 31'), Walker, Hensman.

CANTERBURY: El Zein, Karypiros (sent off 33rd), Hantzis, Eftimides, Pena, Mickovic, Phillipou, Anagnostopoulos, Doornis, Ortega, Blasson.

AVALA 2 (Boratkovic 19', Tracey pen 79') URUGUAYAN 1 (G. Fernandez)

AVALA: Ahrens, Jordan, Lembrink, Atalgic, Divani, Stjelja (Dobson), Carney, Jeffries, Tracey, Coates, Bratkovic (Rodriguez).

URUGUAY: Rosano, J. Hernandez, Johnstone (13' O'Donnell), Planinic, Johns, Cuba (Varela), Palma, G. Fernandez, Arbelo, O'Shane, Pearson (Ross 48').

POLONIA 3 (Mahamah 2, Popl FAIRY MEADOW 2 (Fontana, Jones))

POLONIA: Anderson — A. Colusso, Vujinovic, Denis Colusso, Lasek — Denis Colusso, Halhead, Sobczyk — Mahamah, Pop, Janic, N.B. Denis Colusso and Denis Colusso are cousins with identical names!

FAIRY MEADOW: Krajnovic — White, Montecchi, Jones, Beringer, Sweeney — Bardy, Peil, Baker — Fantana Mowbray

ROCKDALE O-KU-RING-GALO

ROCKDALE: Kotzambros — Blackburn, Slavski, D. Wilson, Forrester — Ferguson (Tanoski), Nastevski, Yousiph — Karanfilovski (Risteviski), Brown, Batten

KU-RING-GAL: Lacey — Goldworthy, Jesse (Quigley), Watson, Bertram — Dene, Bourke, Sutherland, Eileen — Bass, Nile (Shearer).

Under-13 Ampol Cup Final

BLACKTOWN CITY 0 MARCONI 0

BLACKTOWN: Crawley, Crosetta, Cooper, Erickson, Healey, Stanton, Thomson, Clune, Maloney, Garrett, Lenz.

MARCONI: Bascic, Clinton, Labbozetta, Clantar, Curmi, Cabral, Suzor, Perinich, Ronic, Olson, Esho

Boland goes in glory

From page one

Oliver and Mirek Smolarek of Polonia were the only players to achieve a 10-rating for a match.

Oliver finished equal second to Boland, along with strikers Stewart Stevenson of Heidelberg and Sean Lane of Makedonia.

Boland 34, has been granted a free transfer by J.U.S.T. in lieu of money the club owes him. It is a crying shame that he has decided to retire from the NSL for the league cannot afford to lose players of his calibre, and J.U.S.T. certainly will find it hard without him.

Croatia left back George Hannah, one of the quiet men of NSL soccer, finished next in the voting with a 7.8 average, followed by Makedonia stopper Ian Dobson and Morwell

Falcons' star forward Russell Athersych.

Top averages for the group series:

8.5 Dennis Boland (JUST), 8.0 Jeff Oliver (Heidelberg), Stewart Stevenson (Heidelberg), Sean Lane (Makedonia).

7.8 George Hannah (Croatia).

7.75 Ian Dobson (Makedonia).

7.6 Russell Athersych (Morwell Falcons).

7.5 Steve Gojevic (Croatia), Graham Heys (Makedonia), Emil Petrov (JUST), Peter Boyle (Fawkner), Jim Murray (Green Gully).

7.2 Zoran Hoski (Makedonia), Bobby Russell (Hellas) Steve Blair (Hellas), Harry Bingham (Morwell Falcons), Steve Moore (Morwell Falcons), Frank Geremia (Juventus), Jol Palinkas (Fawkner).

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Monaro miss penalties

Marconi 4 (Calderan, Brown, Lowe, Driene) Inter Monaro 2 (Thamnidis, Willox). NSL practice match.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Budini (Storry 73rd), Henderson, Calderan; Jankovic (Rizotto 45), P. Tredinick, Mason, Brown, Driene, Lowe.

MONARO: Hocking, Walsh, Santolin, Tislar (Domazetovic 45), Francis, Carbone, Valeri, Willox; (Farrell 79th), Thamnidis, Brennan (Ambrosio 62), Giampaolo.

Marconi made hard work of defeating Inter Monaro 4-2 at Queenbeyan's Seiffert Oval.

It wasn't until well into the second half that Marconi began to click.

Monaro, still team building and said to be about to add Marconi's Rick Budini to its squad, has the nucleus of a workable NSL outfit.

In fact it was Monaro that led first when new signing Chris Thamnidis brilliantly pulled down a Giampaolo cross to squeeze a shot past Marconi keeper Bruce James in the 37th minute.

It wasn't until the 60th minute that Marconi's big centre back Steve Calderan finally found the net, with Brown making it 2-1 just four minutes later.

And in the 68th minute Marconi had the perfect opportunity — a penalty — to score again, but David Lowe's miserable attempt was easily saved by Monaro's goalkeeper, Michael Hocking.

In the 71st minute Thamnidis struck again — inasmuch as it was his brilliance that laid out the net, with Thamnidis left Calderan for dead and hard working midfielder Billy Willox got a toe to his cross to make it 2-2.

Only nine minutes of the game remained when Marconi went to the front again. Teenager Martin Driene squared the ball to Brown whose dummy surprised everyone and left Lowe perfectly placed only metres out and Lowe this time didn't miss his chance.

In the 83rd minute it was Monaro's turn to be awarded a penalty — and like Marconi they missed when James, saving superbly to his right, saved the spot kick from Walter Valeri.

Driene completed the score-line just five minutes from full time.

Best for Monaro were Thamnidis, Willox and Francis, while Henderson and Calderan excelled for Marconi.

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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Evaristo to bring back the samba?

Macedo Evaristo, the man who quipped Qatar during its stunning performances at the 1981 Coca-Cola World Youth Championship in Australia, has been appointed national team manager of Brazil.

Evaristo only has been back in his native country a few months having left a \$572,500 a year post in the Qatar to take charge of Rio club America, but was drafted by the Brazilian federation when its first two choices, Tele Santana and Mario Zagalo became unavailable.

Santana could not secure a release from his Saudi Arabian employers Al Hilal and Zagalo stated that family considerations precluded him from the job.

Evaristo the player made his mark originally with Salvador in Bahia state, before joining Flamengo and helping it become the Rio champion of 1954 and 1955.

Moving across the Atlantic, he served both Real Madrid and Barcelona, gaining an Inter Cities Fairs' Cup winners' medal with the latter. This stint in Europe restricted Evaristo to 73 caps and 8 international goals (including two hat-tricks).

The Brazilian was enticed to Qatar in 1978 and immediately set about constructing an all-embracing coaching programme which elevated the little Sheikhdom of 230,000 inhabitants from Arabian Gulf also-rans to a power in Asia within five years.

IN BRIEF

West Germany added Werder Bremen midfielder Norbert Maier to its World Cup squad.

Eric Gerets, currently in the middle of a suspension for bribery offences, has signed with Dutch club N.V.V. Maastricht. He will not be able to play for it until next season.

Scandinavia, England, West Germany and Holland are contenders for the finals of the 1988 European Championship. UEFA will announce the venue on March 15.

Players of Fortuna Dusseldorf have been asked to accept substantial pay cuts in order to save the Bundesliga club from bankruptcy. Fortuna is believed to be \$850,000 in debt.

The legendary Alfredo Di Stefano has been appointed coach of Argentina's Boca Juniors.

Fading superstar Mario Kempes has been signed by Hercules of Alicante.

Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Dominican Republic, Niger and Sierra Leone have all been suspended by FIFA for non-payment of annual subscriptions.

Fernando Vazquez, coach of Italy's ill-fated 1974 World Cup team, has succeeded the dismissed Giancarlo Di Sisti at Fiorentina.

The turbulent career of former South Malabar Hellen midfielder Grant Turner took another turn with his indefinite suspension and transfer listing by Giabrome City.

By PAUL GARDINER who has covered the NASL since its inception in 1967, as a commentator on telecasts for the three major U.S. television networks.

It hurts to say it, but the North American soccer league is dead. Not, perhaps, quite as dead as the proverbial doornail. But dead enough. Dead in the sense that it has lost its spirit, its vigor and its promise; dead in the sense that it can continue existing only as a faint shadow of what it once was.

At the NASL's New York headquarters on the Avenue of the Americas, once a warren of bustling offices that spread over two floors, the staff is down to a paltry six. In the largest of the remaining offices, enveloped in a dense cloud of cigar smoke, sits — or more likely, paces — the interim president, Clive Toye.

He is trying to conjure up enough clubs to put together a 1985 season. In the unlikely event that he can succeed, it is clear that such a season would be a short, low-budget affair that would entail a dramatic drop in the calibre of operations and level of play that the NASL established in its halcyon days of the late 1970's.

Almost certainly, it would be a season without the Cosmos. For so long the very symbol of glamor and quality in the NASL, the Cosmos are now in deep financial trouble, searching frantically for investors to prevent an imminent collapse.

Yet it was only 10 years ago that the same Cosmos — then managed by Toye — sparked off the soccer boom of the 70's by signing Pele. The dramatic coup moved the sport of soccer firmly under the nose of the American public. It worked, no doubt about that. Within two years, the Cosmos were drawing crowds of more than 70,000 at Giants Stadium, and the NASL grew to 24 clubs.

It was an undeniably feverish growth, as the NASL tried to take the place of a few seasons what had taken the National Football League 40 years. The rate race was on within the NASL, and the name of the game was keeping up with the Cosmos. Other clubs began spending lavishly — and usually not too wisely — on imported foreign stars.

To cope with skyrocketing player-salary budgets, the NASL had to get a national television contract. That came in 1979, with ABC. It really did look as though the final piece was in place for the triumph of soccer.

The turning point came quickly, just one year later. After the 1980 season, ABC — discouraged by poor ratings — did not renew its contract. The

Like Sam Goldwyn said: 'If they don't wanna come, you can't stop them'

number of NASL clubs dropped to 21, and the slide to oblivion was on. The owners had had a glimpse of the promised land, and it didn't look that good after all. Profitability was still a distant prospect, national television had come and gone, attendance was stagnating, expenses were getting higher.

By then, the NASL was finding out that its tentative efforts to encourage the development of American players were backfiring. A new generation of young Americans was with the clubs, vociferously opposed to the very idea of expensive foreign imports. This new breed of home-grown players came with agents and they were backed strongly by a flagrantly partisan players' union. They demanded and they got high salaries. The expense spiral corkscrewed its merry way onward and upward.

When Howard Samuels was brought in as the NASL's president in 1982, he had but one task: to bring financial sanity to the league. He was horrified by what he found — a lack of fiscal responsibility, owners who would not implement his budget-control ideas. "They're crazy," he said, "and then they complain about the huge losses and threaten to get out of the sport."

By then, the NASL was a league that had dangerously overreached itself and its problems could be — indeed, had to be — defined solely in financial terms.

But the NASL always had had other problems, unique to soccer, that it had never solved, and in some cases had never really faced up to. A basic difficulty was that of introducing a new sport to Americans — with the selling to be done by people who, by and large, had very little intimate knowledge of that sport.

Pitifully few of the NASL's owners ever displayed more than a superficial grasp of the essential nature of soccer. They saw it first and foremost as something that was widely popular everywhere else in the world, a commodity that could be marketed for the American audience.

Soccer is not a commodity. It comes with a 100-year history of intense human involvement. It is a sport that seems to call for a peculiarly intimate and passionate involvement with its fans. But there is no such thing as instant intimacy. It takes time to develop, it needs a history. And that was something that the American public could not bring to soccer. It is just that intimacy that allows the world's soccer fans to forgive their sport its excesses and its aberrations, to overlook its shortcomings.

The aberration that American owners could not forgive was that soccer was too inconsistent a game. When it was good it was very good but when it was bad it could be deadly dull.

The boring games were — quite rightly — a source of much concern to the NASL owners. Searching for a solution, they focused on goal-

scoring and all manner of largely silly ideas were advanced to increase the number of goals, but here the owners ran into another obstacle that infuriated them. The ultimate control of soccer's rules lies with the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). And this group — a foreign group, if you please — refused to allow the brash Americans to play with the sport's rules.

The only other method, it seemed, to guarantee top-class, exciting soccer, was to keep on signing up the world's top players.

Frustration, boiling over into apoplexy, was a common condition among NASL owners. It is not a condition that can be sustained for too long, and the NASL inevitably has had a high level of transient owners. Only once, in its 18-year history, has the league fielded the same lineup of clubs in consecutive seasons. Without club stability there was never any league identity and the rivalries — so essential for this sport: wandering, traditionless, a foreign land — never developed.

Despite repeated assurance from owners that "we're in this for the long haul, we're going to stick it out," not more than half a dozen have shown any long-term persistence. Most simply folded these tents and crept away.

Others, frustrated in what they saw as their attempts to Americanize soccer, turned to indoor soccer, where FIFA's control is less well defined, and where rules can be changed to suit what is seen as "the American way."

The rise of the indoor game, represented by the Major Indoor Soccer League, was the final blow. As the NASL tried to cut its player salary budgets, the MISL began outbidding it for players. The result has been the loss of many of the NASL's top players to the MISL.

Undeniably, the attempt to impose a new sport, soccer, at the pro level has failed. For now, what the NASL has accomplished is to spread the sport throughout the United States, to plant the roots that were so lacking when it started in 1967.

All over the country, in Florida, in Texas, in California, in Oregon, in New York, the anomaly is that youth soccer is flourishing as never before. Add to that the evidence of last year's Olympic Games when crowds of more than 100,000 turned out to watch the soccer tournament, and it really does appear that there is strong hope for a future pro soccer league in the United States.

But not right now. The only hope for the NASL is to keep the flag of the pro sport burning until the current soccer-playing youth, the boys and girls, become parents. At that point, soccer will begin to have the tradition that it lacks in this country.

For the moment, the fans are not there in sufficient numbers, and the NASL has learned that Sam Goldwyn was right — "If they don't wanna come, you can't stop them."

Bayern v Roma, Real v Spurs

By PAUL MOON

The 1984-85 versions of the three major European club competitions may well end a number of long standing anomalies.

Biggest of these is the fact that mighty Juventus, in the view of many people the world's best club side for two years, never has won the trophy it prizes above all others — the European Champions' Cup.

Almost equally incongruous are the failures of Cologne and Everton, who between them can boast 18 domestic honors, to reach a European final.

The record of Manchester United, the most popular club of them all, being involved in just one trophy decider presents one more irregularity.

Juventus should have little trouble taking another step towards its long, sought-after goal when meeting Sparta Prague in the quarter-finals.

Sparta was distinctly unimpressive in the earlier rounds and is unlikely to be at peak fitness, having just completed a mid-season break.

Lack of recent activity also will be a problem for Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk which meets the talented Bordeaux of Giresse, Tigana, Larsson, Chulana and Co.

The steelworkers' club, which finished third in the recently completed Soviet First Division, is renowned for its counter-attacking style, but probably will find that the French have too much flair.

Bordeaux now seems the likeliest potential stumbling block for "Juve" between now and the May 29 final.

FK Austria has some useful players in its side, notably playmaker Herbert Prohaska and Hungarian Tibor Nyilasi, recent convert to striker, yet lacks depth and experience.

Panathinaikos, beaten finalist in 1971, cannot be confident of repeating that performance this time round and may even find Sweden's IFK Gothenburg too big a hurdle to clear.

Much will depend upon the Greeks' capacity to contain Tobias Nilsson, who has scored six goals in the competition already.

Larissa, Greece's other survivor, will be the underdog too in its European Cup Winners' Cup clash with Dynamo Moscow.

Fortuna Sittard also must be delighted and surprised to have reached the last eight and will regard further progress as a bonus. It fields just one "name" player — Frans Thissen, who opponents Everton can justifiably claim to be the best balanced combination in Britain at the current time.

Prior to this season, Everton's second in

Quarter Final Draw
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP
FK Austria (Austria) v. Liverpool (England), Juventus (Italy) v. Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia), Bordeaux (France) v. Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk (USSR), IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) v. Panathinaikos (Greece).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP
Everton (England) v. Fortuna Sittard (Holland), Larissa (Greece) v. Dynamo Moscow (USSR), Bayern Munich (West Germany) v. AS Roma (Italy), Rapid Vienna (Austria) v. Dynamo Dresden (East Germany).

UEFA CUP
Manchester United (England) v. Videoton (Hungary), Zeljenszjan Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) v. Dynamo Minsk (USSR), Internazionale Milano (Italy) v. Cologne (West Germany), Tottenham Hotspur (England) v. Real Madrid (Spain).

(The matches will be played on the mornings of March 7 and March 21, Australian time.)

Europe was atrocious. If the law of averages is correct, it can anticipate an appearance in the finals.

This start of the Bayern Munich v AS Roma encounter will be its robbable opponent on May 15.

Bayern has been producing some outstanding football in the Bundesliga, whilst the Romans' form this season generally disappointed under coach Sven Goran Eriksson, but the talent within the team is such that it must come right soon.

On paper, Manchester United appears to have too many guns for Videoton, but the Hungarians, league leaders in their own country for much of the season, produced a string of impressive results in earlier rounds.

Internazionale Milan is enjoying an excellent season and a UEFA Cup triumph would be welcomed as confirmation of its return to pre-eminence.

In Liam Brady, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Sandro Altobelli it has world class players, but Cologne can boast individuals of the calibre of Toni Schumacher and Pierre Littbarski.

This could be the tie of the round in any competition, though the game between Tottenham Hotspur and Real Madrid is equally exciting to contemplate.

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Kyri wants to go to Heidelberg

Kyri Kyriakoulas said last week he was in two minds about whether to return to Footscray J.U.S.T.

"If I had another offer I would be tempted. I wouldn't mind giving Heidelberg a try. I've been at J.U.S.T. for four or five years and I can't see them going higher than mid-table," Kyriakoulas said from Apollo Bay, where he runs a seasonal business.

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic has been counting on Kyriakoulas to stiffen the team's defence.

But there may be another solution. Former State star Jim Kondorios who left to



Kyri Kyriakoulas

play for Fawkner two years ago, has resumed training with J.U.S.T.

Steve Wooddin retires

Steve Wooddin, one of the heroes of New Zealand's 1982 World Cup campaign, has announced his retirement from international soccer.

The 30-year-old striker said he was not prepared to give up the 12 weeks required for New Zealand's Oceania zone qualifying program for the 1986 finals in Mexico.

Wooddin also has been troubled by an ankle injury which would require an operation, and will play only for his club, Christchurch Brothers United, this season.

The English-born player, a professional with Tranzmere Rovers before migrating, scored eight goals in New Zealand's 15-match Asia-



Steve Wooddin

Oceania zone qualifying program for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

His lethal left foot gained him a further goal against Scotland in the finals.

As well as playing for several New Zealand clubs, Wooddin spent a spell with South Melbourne Hellas in the NSL.

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



Give Arthur a fair go!

It must be really disheartening for a player who's 28 and who has played with the same club for 12 years, to be told by his club that he's all washed up.

That's virtually what happened to Arthur Xanthopoulos at South Melbourne Hellas.

Surely Arthur deserved better treatment. Okay, if Hellas reckons that he's finished, why put \$10,000 on his head just because another club like Heidelberg Alexander has a different opinion about Arthur's capabilities?

As far as I'm concerned, it's just not good enough. Hellas is a great club with a tradition in Australian soccer and Arthur Xanthopoulos has been part of that tradition, a big part, and deserves a fairer deal. I know that Hellas didn't set the world on fire during the Buffalo Gold Cup but don't be fooled into thinking that it won't be right up there again this year.

Hellas probably is the top club in Australia as far as players' wages and signing-on fees are concerned, and it's not uncommon for Hellas to fork out over \$10,000 as a signing on fee for a top player.

That always has allowed Hellas to put a first class side out on the field and I've got no doubts that with the quality of the players there, Hellas is in for another big year.

Don't take Inter lightly

Inter Monaro has been boosted by the signings of ex-Canterbury Marrickville Olympic players Christ Thamnides and Angelo Titilas.



Thamnides

Thamnides has the potential to rip any defence in the land to shreds and I expect big things from him this season.



Hilton Silva

Titilas is both strong and elegant and has had some experience in the Greek First Division. He's equally at home as sweeper or stopper and don't be surprised to see him scoring a few goals because, playing in defence, he was Canterbury Marrickville Olympic's top scorer last season!

Thamnides and Titilas certainly will strengthen Monaro's squad and along with another new signing, Attilio Carbone from Marconi, and proven performers in Seb Giampaolo, Walter Valeri and Tony Brennan, Monaro just might make a few sides sit up and take notice.

Here comes Canterbury!

No club in the 1985 NSW State League is aiming higher than Canterbury Marrickville Olympic which boasts a top administration, not to mention a magnificent \$1.2 million seaport club.



Paul Baccu

Paul Baccu's the man who runs the social club Kikis Efthimiou is Canterbury's president and Damian Fokas, an accountant, handles the club's financial affairs. The rest of the committee is made up of wealthy Greek businessmen.

On the soccer side, the man they call "Mr Skills", Raul Blanco, is coaching the club and he already has moulded a fine side together and with maybe two or three new signings, will have a crack squad.

Marcos and Hilton Silva are Blanco's targets so far.

Even at junior level, Canterbury's coaching staff sores class. What more could you ask for in a director of junior coaching than Raul Blanco? And Raul, the man immortalised for his efforts in taking the Socceroos to the 1974 World Cup finals, has got one of his old players with him — Doug Ujisenovic. Two former Canterbury stars, Greg Brown and George Barbutis make up the junior coaching staff. Like I said, it's all class at Canterbury.

These guys will be developing senior players of the future and as you can see, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic is aiming high.

Now Rothmans goes national

The future of the national Press awards is in doubt, following the announcement last week of a Rothmans Gold Medal for the National League Player of the Year.

Writers and broadcasters

who make up the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) have been running national awards in conjunction with the National League since the NSL started in 1977.

They include trophies for the player of the year, best under 21 player, coach of the year and referee of the year.

The first awards night was in Melbourne in 1977 and voters for all awards since then were cast by ASPA members.

However, ASPA members were not even alerted to Rothman's involvement until the official announcement last Friday.

Press men throughout Australia expressed anger this week over the way ASPA was ignored.

Announcing details of the Rothman's Medal, NSL chairman Sam Papasavvas said:

"I win the Rothmans Medal a player will have to have a special quality apart from exceptional playing skills. The winner of the inaugural Rothmans Medal for the National League will hold a unique honour."

The first Rothmans Medal was introduced in New South Wales in 1970. The winner, former Scottish and APLA player, George Blues, took out the coveted award with 23 points.

It also was introduced in Tasmania that year with John Kirkpatrick of South Hobart winning with 26 points.

Since 1970 the Rothmans award for the best and fairest player has been expanded to take in Western Australia (1971), Victoria (1972), Queensland (1976) and South Australia (1978).

Voting for the Rothmans award will be conducted by the match referee, with points being awarded on a 3-2-1 basis.

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FORZA JUVE!



Per battere la Juve ci vuole la nazionale, oppure i suoi tifosi!

Questa sera, mercoledì, si concluderà la "Buffalo Gold Cup" con la finale fra la Croazia e l'Heidelberg e dalla prossima settimana si ricomincerà a "fare sul serio" con il primo turno della NSL Cup, seguito la settimana successiva dalla prima giornata di campionato.

Il roddaggio e gli esperimenti sono perciò finiti e anche se per alcuni mesi ci saranno ulteriori assestamenti e la possibilità di nuovi acquisti e cessioni, e' bene fare alcune considerazioni sulle squadre che hanno preso parte al torneo, in modo particolare le italiane.

Innanzitutto bisogna constatare che gli Azzurri del Morwell avrebbero potuto partecipare al campionato nazionale, dopo aver vinto quello statale l'anno scorso, con la stessa formazione senza correre il rischio di fare brutta figura.

Nella "Buffalo Gold Cup" gli uomini di Dunne si sono comportati brillantemente mancando per un soffio di qualificarsi per la finale, mostrando di essere una squadra ben affiatata ed omogenea il cui punto di forza e' la solidissima difesa dove il giovanissimo portiere Prezioso non ha fatto affatto rimpiangere la partenza dell'ottimo Whiteside.

Basandosi sulle prestazioni fornite dalla squadra italiana della Latrobe Valley in questo torneo, si puo' dire con una certa sicurezza che la "provinciale" italiana puo' fin da ora considerarsi una certezza per un secondo titolo statale consecutivo.

Il Fawknier, l'altra italiana di lega statale a competere nella "Gold Cup" e' invece tutto un altro paio di maniche; pur non essendo stato strappato troppo in quanto a risultati, non ha dimostrato di avere un organico capace di reggere il passo dei campioni fra le primissime della classe. Con la perdita del suo uomo migliore, Ian Tuffield, e un altro anno sulla groppa dell'anziano Peter Boyle, il Fawknier e' apparso molto meno formidabile dell'anno scorso e non puo' perciò considerarsi per la squadra da battere che

dieci anni nelle varie divisioni in cui ha giocato.

Ma forse e' il caso di dire che non tutti i mali vengono per nuocere e che il Fawknier ha deciso di permettersi un anno di respiro dopo tanti anni di frenetica corsa alla promozione e alla vittoria di campionato. Il fatto che il club non sembra interessato fino ad ora a fare acquisti e che durante la "Gold Cup" ha schierato in campo molti giovani, peraltro promettenti, sembra appunto indicare che il 1985 sara' un anno di stasi e di ricostruzione. E noi pensiamo che questa sia proprio la decisione migliore in attesa che si chiariscano le cose per quanto riguarda il futuro della Lega Nazionale.

Il campionato di Lega Statale ormai e' fortemente scaduto di importanza e di prestigio da quando anche Juventus, Croazia, Green Gully e George Cross lo hanno abbandonato per aggregarsi alla Lega Nazionale. Quindi vincere il campionato statale quest'anno sara' un vero e proprio palliativo che non assicura la promozione in Lega Nazionale e che non giustificerebbe nemmeno le spese di dover acquistare nuovi giocatori per rinforzare la squadra.

Scegliendo di immettere in squadra i promettenti giovani del suo vivaio il Fawknier molto giustamente potrebbe usare questo anno "inutile" a tutti gli altri effetti per costruirsi senza alcuna spesa una squadra quasi tutta italiana che offrirebbe garanzie per i prossimi anni. Inoltre potra' comodamente aspettare che entri in vigore il nuovo regolamento sull'imporzione di giocatori stranieri e reperire perciò all'estero uomini di alto livello a prezzi irrisori rispetto quelli del mercato locale.

Ci auguriamo perciò che la nuova amministrazione del Fawknier non si lasci tentare dalla seduzione di un record brillantissimo che in pochi anni lo ha portato dalle divisioni minori alla Lega Statale e quasi in Lega Nazionale l'anno scorso. Mancando per la classifica del campionato di Lega Nazionale, il club puo' permettersi un anno di "vacanza" dalla lotta all'ultimo sangue e ultimo dollaro per rinsanguare e per riorganizzare la squadra.

La rosa della Juventus e' ormai da considerarsi al completo ed anche il gia' ventilato acquisto di Lucchesi e' ora definitivamente stato messo da parte.

La terza italiana della "Buffalo Gold Cup", anche se potrebbe sembrare una grossa delusione, e' quella che ha piu' deluso e che allo stesso tempo promette meglio per il campionato imminente. La "vecchia" Juventus e' uscita dalla competizione con le ossa rotte (una vittoria solitaria, due sconfitte e due pareggi) ma ha saputo trovare immediatamente il miracoloso rimedio che rimargina le rotture e da' nuovo vigore.

La Juventus era partita nella competizione come una delle favorite avendo concluso prima dell'inizio della coppa due importanti acquisti in Peter Lewis e Paul Wade ed avendo recuperato alcuni dei giocatori infortunati l'anno scorso. Invece le cose sono andate a rotoli sia per l'assenza di alcuni giocatori chiave come Brown e Dowie sia perche' il "sistema rigettato il trapianto" del nuovo allenatore Tommy Traynor.

Fortunatamente il comitato ha avuto il coraggio e l'avvedutezza di tagliare immediatamente la testa al toro esonerando Traynor e riassumendo Margaritis, "combinazione" ha voluto che appena tornato il tecnico greco e' stata anche risolta la situazione di Brown, e' riapparso in scena Dowie, e' stato recuperato Campbell ed e' stato acquistato il portiere Banovic.

E' doveroso dire che con questi quattro giocatori anche Traynor avrebbe fatto meglio, e' innegabile, ma dove il piccolo coacze ha fallito l'esame e' stato l'esserli fatto prendere dal panico ed aver perso in pochissime settimane la fiducia dei giocatori, dei dirigenti e del pubblico.

L'anno di Zini al centro dell'attacco, al posto di Ward, l'indietreggiamento di Sweeney e l'impiego di Dowie come centrocampista di spinta hanno cambiato o modificato il volto della Juventus. La squadra nella galoppata contro il George Cross ha funzionato con un violino e sicuramente sara' ancora migliore domenica prossima contro il Croazia, tanto che siamo propensi a pronosticare una vittoria bianconera.

Lewis e la continua grande forma di Geremia ha un ottimo terzino a ruota necessario, stessa situazione a centrocampo dove Dowie, Wade, Cullen e Miranda formano un quartetto di eccezione ed una combinazione ideale di classe, forza, velocita' e incisività; appena anche l'incalcolabile sara' nuovamente in perfette condizioni ci saranno cinque giocatori di rango a competere per quattro posti in campo.

In prima linea Zini e' ormai diventato l'elemento indispensabile ma il suo partner potrebbe essere quasi indistintamente Sweeney o Ward. In porta c'e' un Banovic che puo' essere considerato il miglior portiere d'Australia, con Keogh e Mezzadra come rincalzo.

Tutti i giocatori che dovranno lottare per conquistare un posto in squadra puo' darsi che qualcuno (specialmente Keogh e Ward) potrebbe stancarsi di fare la panchina e decidere di cercare un'altra squadra.

Il tecnico juventino si e' dichiarato molto fiducioso di poter fare un ottimo campionato (non e' il tipo che si sbilancia con avventate affermazioni di vittoria di campionato a "giu' di li", anche se ovviamente fara' di tutto per ottenerla), e' felicissimo dell'ambiente che esiste alla Juventus, della fiducia accordatagli dai dirigenti e tifosi. Non potrebbe chiedere di meglio... eccezione di una cosa sola.

Che i tifosi pensassero piu' a godersi le partite, cercando di incoraggiare e di spronare i dirigenti e i giocatori, e non a nervosire i giocatori e arbitri. Sia gli uni che gli altri possono fare sbagli, possono essere fuori forma, possono essere in cattive condizioni fisiche e non saranno certo gli insulti e le offese e le umiliazioni a farli riprendere.

Cose del genere non dovrebbero chiederli, ne' dovrebbero scriverli, ma siamo onesti ed ammettiamo che con un servizio di tifoseria italiana e' proprio necessario dirlo, scriverlo e ripeterlo.

La cosa piu' incomprensibile e "schifosa" e' la serie di insulti all'indirizzo degli arbitri prima ancora che i poveri diavoli diano il fischio iniziale... almeno aspettare un po' che i giocatori entrino in campo e che si insulti in anticipo per essere piu' sicuri che si indispungano contro la squadra. Visi mueto non e' il modo di

With Peter Scott

IN FOCUS



If you think the ASF is pleased about our boys' success, it is nothing compared with the delight of the Soviet authorities.

Having Israeli teams on their soil is not one of the Kremlin boys' top priorities. Take the recent case of the Davis Cup clash between the two countries. Israeli tennis officials and journalists were refused visas and the match was held in the hinterland city of Donetsk. Posters around the place announced the match, but coyly avoided mentioning who the local heroes were playing against.

Exchanges of pennants were refused, national anthems and flags were not on display. In the European Basketball champions' cup the Red Army team flatly refused to play Maccabi in Moscow, preferring to meet the Israelis in Antwerp — and promptly losing to them.

Out for a year?

Brilliant young Socceroo Ian Gray may well miss the whole of the 1985 season, unless commensurate prevails on the club scene or the ASF intervenes.

He still has a \$22,000 price tag on his head and so St George Budapest has dropped its inquiries about him. Ian is at the moment recuperating from an lingering groin injury and is totally out of training.

He is mentally preparing himself to skip the season because "it is not much use playing with a club where you are not happy."

Seeking striker

St George Budapest is deeply concerned about the lack of depth in its goal scoring department.

While no official approaches have been made as yet, it can be revealed that the Saints are keen on securing the services — either outright or on loan — of Nikola's Graeme Fletcher. Alas, the first indirect inquiry met with a resounding NO!

Greek appeal

Jimmy Shoulder obviously has a

knack for public relations. Witness the composition of the young Socceroo squad.

There were a number of young Aussies with Greek surnames on deck in every game and, what's more, they generally did rather well.

Their presence ensured the regular attendance of a hard core of Greek supporters. If only they could have brought themselves to cheer for Australia, rather than chant "Olympic, Olympic" all the time.

Memo ASF

Why does it seem an impossible task to arrange post-match Press conferences by the coaches and captains in civilised circumstances, sitting down in a room set aside for the purpose?

Instead, for years we have had to put up with unseemly banging on dressing room doors and running the gauntlet of dripping wet players, straining to catch a word here and there. Or, in the case of the SCG, perching on top of tables and trying to do our job while surrounded by players' wives, families and assorted hangers on.

World Cup?

Was last week's event at St George Stadium a FIFA World Championship event?

There were no programs, there was no promotion, even the flags of the participating nations were not on display. It was, altogether, a very small time operation that did not do us proud!

"Good" timing

What better time for the NSL to put on a press conference than in direct opposition to the fourth round matches of the tournament at St George?

And, just to make it even more of a challenge to hardy media reps, it was scheduled for the centre of the city of Sydney in peak hour, so as to ensure that we could not possibly make it to the game on time.

The big news? Rothmans is going to give away one of its medals for the "and Fairest" this year.

JEDNA LASTA NE CINI PROLECE

Prošle srede uvece Makedonija je pobedila neiskusni sastav Box Hills sa 4:2 (3:0), cime je osigurala nastup u polufinalu Noemog Kupa. Dnevna stampa je specijalno pozdravila gol koji je postigao Gary Cole, posto je punih sedam meseci bio rekorder u promasivanju. Cak su se pozvali na bibliskju pricu "da polo sedam mrsavih dolaze sedam bogatih godina".

Medjutim, sledeci protivnik Makedonije nije bio Box Hill vec Heidelberg/Alexander i Gary Cole se nije sastavio sa loptom. Ne samo cak su se pozvali na bibliskju pricu "da polo sedam mrsavih dolaze sedam bogatih godina".

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Dupli program se igra i na Heidelbergovom igralistu u Melbourne, zatim u Kanberi i Adelaide.

PRIJATELSKE UTAKMICE

JUST je iskoristio predah da odigra prijateljsku utakmicu protiv Pascoe Vale/Pelistera, koji je iznenadio "plavi" ostrim igrom i bodovima. JUST je morao da juri rezultat, jer je Pelister poveo sa 1:0 u 3. minutu preko Borisa Cosica. Posle ovoga "plavi" su tesko izlazili na kraj sa poletnim protivnikom, koji se uporno branio sve do 40. minuta kada je izjednačio desni bek mladi Milan Djurdjevic sa 25 metara.

Na kraju je JUST pobedio sa 4:2 (1:1), ali nije zadovoljio svoje navijace. Jedni misle da ima dosta rupa u ovom timu, dok drugi veruju da "plavima" nedostaje samo iskustvo.

JUSTov sastav: Turudija, Djurdjevic (Barjaktarevic), Lujic, Jovic (Djurdjevic), Karic, Janjic (Barjaktarevic), Curovic, Stojilovic Lazopoulos, Belic (Reigosa), Taipei.

Strelci: Milan Djurdjevic, Milan Stojilovic, Ernie Tapai i Theo Vagias za JUST, Boris Cosic i Tony Centarino.

U predigri mladi tim JUSTA pobedio je rezervi Pelistera sa 2:0 (0:0). Strelci: Jimmy Kekabovsk i Sasa Brdic.

Juniori JUSTA ispod 12 godina pobedili su Altunu City sa 1:1 (7:1) u gostima. Strelci: Danir Gjokic, Alan Pasalay 3, Robert Markovick, Denis Minoski i Marjan Antoski po 1.

"PLAVI" iz Springvala docekali su prole subote Richmond/BOŠNU na svom igralistu, koju su pobedili sa 3:1 (1:1) posle lepe i zanimljive igre.

Posto nisu dosli Ibro Hadziabdic, Senad Sabitovic i Igor Mukavec, Bosnu je Poljac Stevan Janovic iz Springvale Uniteda. Ali pored Steva, koji je igrao kao gost igrač, presli su jos iz Springvala Zlatko Basic, Senad Sabitovic i golman Milan Mandic.

Sastav "Plaviv" iz Springvala: Zoran Mandic, Pero Dervoz, Johny Markidis, Zek Tepic, Hitko Kaim, Zoran Djukic, Lujji Pirea, Zeljko Jaglica, Milenko Culibrk, Ilija Kerezovic, Nebojsa Dragoljovic, Dado Jelcic. Strelci: Zoran Djukic, Lujji Pirea i Dragoljovic Jelcic.

Richmond/Bosna: Milan Mandic, Zlatko Basic, Dragoslav Karaga, Zoran Kustura, Stevo Janjic, Mladen Kresinger, Sudo Cavick, Viktor Kostromin, Zarko Stanimirov, Branko Gavran, Petko Tomic. Radivovic i Djuric Stevo Romick. Strelac za Bosnu Stevo Romick.

U predigri su se sastale kombinovane rezerve. Pobedili su "Plavi" iz Springvala sa 6:2, a ne bi sa tolikim rezultatom da nije Meho Omerovic povredio clanak.

KUP UTAKMICE

Sledece subote 2. marta pocinje takmicenje za Victoria Kupa. "Plavi" iz Springvala docekaju starog rivala Yarraville na svome terenu Lot 16 Perry Rd., Keaysborough. Pocetak u 3 po podne.

Da bi se sto bolje pripremili za ovu utakmicu

micu "Plavi" ce odigrati prijateljsku utakmicu protiv South Melbourne/Mordialoca, koji trenira Denis Boland, u cetvrtak 28. februara na Denier Reserve, McDonald Street, Mordialloc, My 87 H 11. Pocetak u 8.30 uvece.

I Bolandu je potrebna uba trening utakmica, jer je njegov tim u subotu 2. marta gost Altone Gate/VARDARA na Paisley Reserve u North Altonu.

Za Victorian League Cup u gostima igraju jos Lalor United i Sloga u subotu 2. marta u Keysoorouha na (Coomora) Reserve, Coomora Street, South Springvale, My 88 K 6 i Ringwood/SRLJA protiv Sunbury Utd. na Langama Parku, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury, My 112 H 10.

Za Provisionalni League Cup raspored je sledeci u subotu 2. marta: Williamstown/MLADOST protiv Brunswick City na JUSTOVOM igralistu, Schintler Reserve, Footscray Rd., My 42 F 6.

Central City/SC ZVEDZDA igra protiv Meadow Park Reserve, Crown Circular Rd., Tullamarine, My 6 A 9.

Altona Utd/VOJVOGINA gost je South Springvale na Vanner Reserve, Flynn Street, Springvale, Vic. My 80 B 8.

Kensington Utd/BEORAGD igra protiv East Geelong/MAKEDONIJE na Howard Glover Reserve, Limeburners Rd., East Geelong, My 228 H 4.

Sve utakmice pocinju u 3 po podne, a igra se produzetak od 2 x 10 minuta i izvode se jedanaesterci ako rezultat bude neresen u regularnom vremenu.

DOCKERTY KUP

U subotu 23. februara odigrane su sledece utakmice za Dockerty Kupa:

Altona Gate/VARDAR — Prahran/Slavio 1:0 u produzetku igre. Podmladeni sastav Altona Gate nadigrao je potpuno protivnika, ali od desetak zutih kartica nije iskoristio ni jednu zbog cega se igrao produzetak od 20 minuta. Tek u drugom produzetku (108 minut) Jonec Serovski postigao ponednosni gol.

Sastav Altona Gate: Dany Lacok, Ace Petrovski, Jimmy Derivisovski, Johny Serovski, Drago Naumovski, Petar Kuzmanovski, Zlatko Veljanovski (Cane Zdravicki), Stevo Dimovski, Sam Mirceviski (Goran Georgjevski od 85. minuta), Dragi Nedelkovski, Zoran Derivisovski.

Nisu igrali iz raznih razloga Ibro Taleviski, Lube Taleviski (ozenio se), Tim Bikicki, Boris Ekskovski, Mendo Ristovski i Con Barbasov, dok se Slobodan Stojevski vratilo u JUST. Vardar pregovara sa jos nekim igracima, ali njihova imena su u tajnosti dok ne potpisu ugovor.

GEELONG — LALOR UTD/SLOGA 5:1 (2:0). Terak poraz Slogu, koji ne zabrinjava, jer je igrao podmladeni sastav. Pocasi gol postigao je George Jovevski.

Sastav Sloga: Zoran Janjickovski (George Georgiadis), Kire Mitrevski (Tony Georgjevski od 60. minuta).



by Manos Manios

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΜΙΝΙ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ

Τό Καίφτον Χίλ επρόκειτο γιά τό 10 χρόνια του από τήν ίδρύση του, διοργανώνουν "Μίνι Κάν" μέ τήν συμμετοχή της Καίφτονς του Μάλβερν καί του Λεουίσα. Οι άγώνες δά διεξαχθούν σέ δύο Κυριακές (3-3-85 καί 10-3-85) στό γήπεδο του Καίφτονς Χίλ.

Οι νικητές από τίς συναντήσεις της πρώτης ημέρας δά παίζουν τήν επόμενη Κυριακή στόν τελικό, ενώ ο ήττημένοι δά παίζουν γιά τήν 3η καί 4η θέση.

Όπως μάς πληροφορεί δ έπί του Τόπου του συλλόγου κ.Σ.Τόδας δά γίνει μία θαυμάσια διοργάνωση από κάθε άποψη.

Έκθεση έκ μέρους του Δ.Σ. του συλλόγου που, ευχαριστών τίς δμάδες που λαμβάνουν μέρος στό τουρνουά.

ΤΑ ΤΖΟΥΝΙΟΡΕ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΕ

Κάθε Τρίτη καί Πέμπτη γίνονται οι προπονήσεις τών Τζούνιόρε της "Ελλάδας" στό γήπεδο της.

Είναι δεκάτ όλα τά παιδιά από ηλικίας 11 έως 16 έτών. Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι δά έλθουν σέ έπαφή μέ τόν κ.Πασόκκο.

ΠΕΛΟΠΑΣ

Ο Πέλοπας ζητάει προπονητές γιά τά Τζούνιόρε. Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι δά τηλεφωνήσουν στόν κ.Περίδουλο στό 819 1163.

ΚΟΛΛΗΝΤ

Παίκτες καί προπονητές γιά τίς δμάδες των Τζούνιόρε ζητάει τό Κόλληντ. Τηλέφωνο: 578 5694 Γεώργιος Ζαφειρόπουλος.

ΟΚΑΗ

Τά 13 του χρόνια γιορτάζει τό "Οκάη" στίς 17 του Μάρτη στό γήπεδο του στό όποιο δά κάνει καί τό έπίσημο έγκαίνια παρουσία του Δημάρχου της περιοχής.

ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΦΙΛΑΘΕΛΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ

Στήν έτήσια Γενική Συνέλευση του Συνδέσμου φίλων του Καίφτον Χίλ, πρόεδρος ένοδείχθηκε δ Γεώργιος Άγγελίδης δ όποιος δά είναι καί υπεύθυνος επί του Τόπου.

Έπίσης πήραν οι κ.κ. Δάνης Σκορ, εωργίου καί άλλοι.

ΑΡΙΣΤΕΡΟ Ο ΔΑΜ ΖΟΥΜΑΣ

Παρηκολούθησα τόν άγώνα Κόμπουργκ - "Βοτ Μερνσγουϊν" γιά τό Κόπελ καί τόν όποιο πήρε εύκολα τό Μερνσγουϊν 3-1 χωρίς καί να έντυπωλάσει όπως καί οι γηπεδοφίλοι. Λόγος όμως πού ήταν άριστα καί στά 90' τού άγώνα ήταν δ ρεσέρβ Σ.ΖΟΥΜΑΣ πού έδω σε δείγματα από τήν καλή του σφυρίκτρα.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP

"Άρχίζει τό Σάββατο τό Βικτόρια Κάπ τό πρώτον Μετροπόλιταν μέ άρκετές ένδιαφέρουσες έλληνικές συμμετοχές πού έχουν άξ έ-ξής: Ναυαγώνιμικ ΧΙΤ - ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ δά γάνας όμως δά γίνει στό Καίφτον Χίλ μετά από παράκληση τών άντιπάλων).

"Αν τό Καίφτον νικήσει τότε στίς 9/5 δά παίζει στό γήπεδο του μέ τήν Μορσώνια. Νόρβ Τζηλνγκ - ΟΚΑΗ δ νικητής δά παίζει μέ τό "Αρντετ ή τήν Μαντούρα.

"Αλτόνα Γκρεϊτ - ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΟΚ δ νικητής παίζει μέ τό Κήλφ.

Επρόκειται Γίου. - ΔΟΕΑ καί δ νικητής δά παίζει μέ τό Κέλφλντ.

ΠΡΟΣΒΙΣΙΩΝΑ ΚΑΠ

Τό Σάββατο παίζουν:Τουλάμιασάουν - ΔΕΘ-ΝΙΔΑΣ, ΠΕΛΟΠΑΣ - Μόνας.

ΤΟ ΠΡΟΤΑΓΜΑ ΤΩΝ ΝΕΩΝ

Στίς 10 του Μάρτη άρχίζει τό πρωτάθλημα των νέων καί δ Μέγας έντός έώρας δά παίζει μέ τήν Τζ.Κρόζ, ενώ ή "Ελλάς στήν έδρα της δά αντιμετώπισει τό Γερντ Γκάλν.

ΜΠΑΦΑΟ ΚΑΠ

Τήν Κυριακή τελειώνουν οι προκριματικοί του Μπαφαο Κάπ άλλά οι δμάδες μας Πανελ Άλνιος καί ΠΡΑΚΑΝΣ δέν άγωνίζονται.

ΑΙΚΑΙΑ Ο ΝΕΤΑΣ ΕΤΩΝ ΤΡΑΙΚΟ

"Ο "Αλέξανδρος ήταν πολύ καλός τό Σάββατο καί κέρδισε δίκαια τήν Πράστον στόν ήμιτελικό του BUFFALO GOLD CUP 1-0.

"Ετοι ή έλληνική μας δμάδα πέρασε στόν μέ γάλο σημερινό τελικό όπου δά αντιμετώπισει τήν Κρόατία πού νίκησε δύσκολα στήν παράταση τό Μόργουελ Φάκονς μέ τό ίδιο σκόρ.

Στίς 6.45 μ.μ. στό "Ολύμπικ Πάρκ δά γίνει δ τελικός του Μπαφαο Κάπ των Τζούνιόρες μεταξύ του Νόξ Σίτυ καί του Σάκλ Τζέρεας

καί δά άπολουθήσει δ τελικός ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ - ΚΡΟΑΤΙΑ πού δέ περιττω όσοπαίλας δά δοεί παράταση καί δά τό άποτέλεσμα δέν έλάξει τότε δά κτηνηρόν πέναλτυ.

Η ΠΕΡΑΝΕ ΠΑΛΙ ΕΤΗ ΔΟΞΑ

Ετών δεύτερο φιλικό άγώνα πού δόθηκε στό Καίφτον Χίλ, ή γηπεδοφίλος άν καί έπαίξε πού λó καλά καί βρήθηκε άρκετές φορές κοντά στό γκόλ, τελικά έχασε 2-0 από τήν Δόξα ή όποια ήταν γιά μία φορά άκόμη πύδ άποτελεσματική.

Τό Καίφτον στερήθηκε τών ύπηρεσιών του Καρλάλιαν τού όποιοι άναπλήρωσε θαυμάσια δ Γκλέζης στήν θέση του άλμπερο.

"Επίσης τραυματίστηκαν καί άπεχώρησαν δ πολύ καλός Μυστιρίστης καί δ Βλαχίνης, ενώ δ Στρατάνης έπαίξε μόνο ένα ήμιχρονο.

"Από τήν άναίτη Δόξα άπουλάζε δ άακρ-δας καί τά γκόλ πέτυχαν δ Αμπαρόπουλος καί Σταχτιάρης.

Σέ γενικούς γραμμές καί οι δύο δμάδες έδειξαν δέν βρίσκουν τόν καλό τους έαυτό καί δά ξεκινάσουν δυνατά στό πρωτάθλημα.

ΔΥΣΤΥΧΙΝΑ ΣΕ ΑΙΔΙΕΙΝΗ

Ο γνωστός διεκτικτής JOHN FRAISER έπесе θάνα δυστυχίματος μέ τό ατύχημα του καί χρειάστηκε νά κάνει σοβαρή έγγχείρηση στόν άγκώνα.

Ο συμπαθής ρεσέρβ νοσηλεύεται στό νοσοκομείο ΕΡWORTH τό Ρίτσμοντ καί ή στήλη του εχειται ταχεία άνάρρωση.

ΤΟ ΣΑΟΥΘ ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ ΥΠΟΧΕΙΤΑΙ ΠΟΛΛΑ

Τό Σάουθ Σπρινκβαίνα πού άνέθηκε φέτος στό Προβίλκιονάλ ήλικ στήν Δ'κατηγορία ύποσχεται φέτος πολλά καί είναι γεμάτο αι σποδοίζα πός όλα δά πάνε καλά.

Τήν προπόνηση έχουν άναλάβει δύο κατεπαιραμένοι άνθρωποι της περιοχής πού άγαπάνε πάνα άπ'όλα τόν σύλλογο.

Είναι δ Πιουίςμικ καί δ Παβλόν πού έργάζονται άδέρμια γιά νά πετύχουν τήν άνοδο της δμάδας τους.

Τό Σάββατο τό Σπρινκβαίνα παίζει στό γηπεδό του γιά τό Προβίλκιονάλ Κάπ μέ τήν "Αλτόνα Γουινάιτέντ.

ΠΑΙΡΝΕΙ ΛΑΘΟΣ ΤΡΑΟΣ ΤΟ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΩΝ ΣΤΟ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΑΛΟΚ

Τό είχαμε γράφει ότι δ άριόδοος τό Μορν-

τιάλλοκ πού νόμισε ότι λύνει δά δένει είχε ξεκινήσει λάθος.

"Από τήν άρχή δέχθηκε τούς άγωνιζόμενους στίς διάφορες δμάδες τών παλαιμάχων καί δ πού τόβ άφηση γιά 3 βρομίδες νά σκούτουνται καί νά τρέχουν, μετά σκέφθηκε νά βρεί τόβς... "αντιανουνοκόφς" καί τες καί έ-πύρβλαι τίς πούινες όπως αυτός ήθελε.

"Εται μόνος του χάλασε τήν διοργάνωση μέ τό δά βελήσει νά τιμωρήσει τό Καίφτον Χίλ πού ήταν καί πού δέν παραιχέθηκε τό Σάουθ Σπρινκβαίνα καί άπεχώρησε κ'αυτό.

Δέν νομίζουμε νά είχε χάσιμο τό Μορντιάλ λοκ από τήν δλη διοργάνωση καί όπωσδήποτε ή καντίνα του δά τού έφερε κάποιον κέρδος, παρά τό ότι οι άριόδοιοι (ή διοργανώτρια) δέν παραιχώρησε τό καλό της γήπεδο καί άφη σε τίς δμάδες νά παίζουν όσα ένα βοηθητικό χωράρι.

Τό ζαλαήθε ότι τό λάθος είναι της έπιτροπής πού είναι καί ή διοργανώτρια.

"Εται τό τουρνουά σταμτήθηκε στός ήμιτελικούς άδοξα καί όπως μέλαμε του χρόνου τήν διοργάνωση δά άναλάβει τό Σάουθ Σπρινκβαίνα τό όποιο όπόσχεται πάρα πολλά καί καλό γήπεδο.

"Η στήλη είχε προεοιόποήσει ότι υπεύθυνος του Μορντιάλλοκ είχε πέσει ός λάθη τά όποια κατάλαβαν οι άριόδοιοι τών δμάδων.

Κατά παράδοξο όμως τρόπο καί ένω όλοι πέριεμαν νά τόν δουν γιά νά λύσουν τά προβλήματά τους τήν παραμένη Κυριακή, έκείνος προτίμησε νά τούς γράψει όλους στό καί τιά του τά παπούτοια.

"Εται μία άκόμη απόδειξη της ένοχής του πού δέν ήταν άλλή άπ'τό νά κάνει κατατάσεις καί νά χαλάσει δ ίσως τό τουρνουά.

ΤΟ ΜΙΝΙ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ-Η ΚΑΝΡΟΥΗ

"Έγινε ή κλήρωση του "Μίνι Κάπ" πού δά γίνει τήν Κυριακή στό Καίφτον Χίλ.

Τούς κλήρωση τράβηξε δ πρόεδρος της Δόξας Γ'άρβαριλ κ. "Αμανατίδης καί τά ζευγάρια έχουν άξ έξής:

Ιος άγώνας ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ - ΔΕΘΝΙΔΑΣ 2ος άγώνας ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ - ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ Πρίν από τίς συναντήσεις αυτές όπολογίζε ται νά παίζουν Καίφτον - Σπρινκβαίνα (παλαιμάχους)



BUFFALO GOLD CUP FINAL TONIGHT (Wednesday)



**HEIDELBERG VS MELBOURNE
CROATIA**

KICK OFF 8.15pm

OLYMPIC PARK No. 1 GROUND

CURTAIN RAISER: BUFFALO JUNIOR GOLD CUP

KNOX CITY vs SKYE ROVERS

6.45 pm

Admission:

ADULTS — \$6.00

PENSIONERS — \$2.00

CHILDREN 12 to 16 \$1.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE



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